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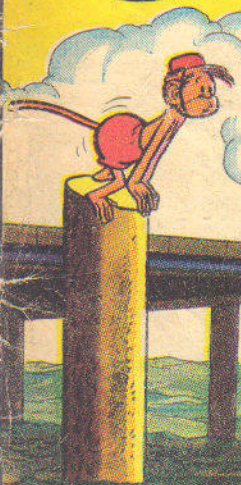
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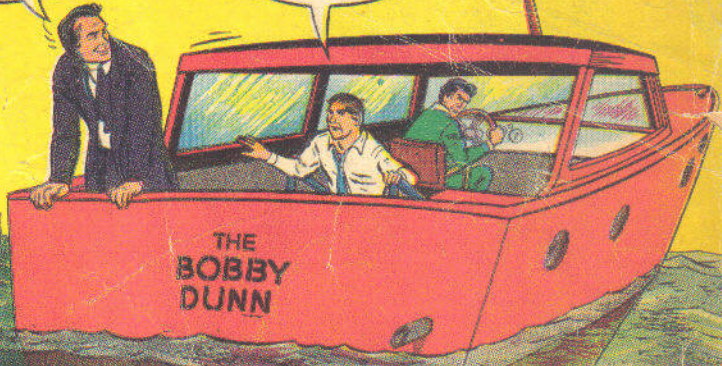
A FULL-SIZE 52 page MAG!

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OKAY, BOYS, GIVE 'ER THE GUN! IF CRIMEBUSTER ISN'T UP BY THIS TIME, HE'S NOT COMING UP AT ALL! OUR PROPS MUST'VE CHEWED HIM TO A PULP!

SOMETHING IS WRONG WITH THE RUDDER, BOSS! SHE WON'T TURN!



THE BOBBY DUNN



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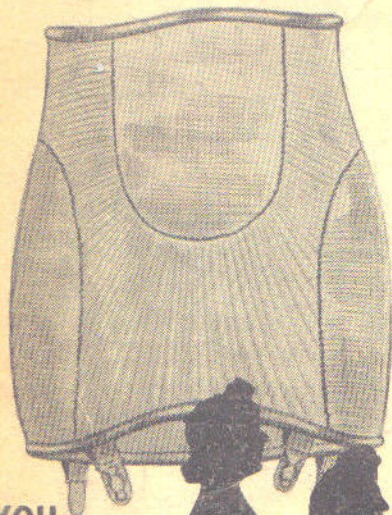
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CRIMEBUSTER

in "BLIND MAN'S BLUFF"

CUT OUT AND SAVE!



SEE FREE VALUABLE TRADING CARD OFFER FOLLOWING THIS STORY

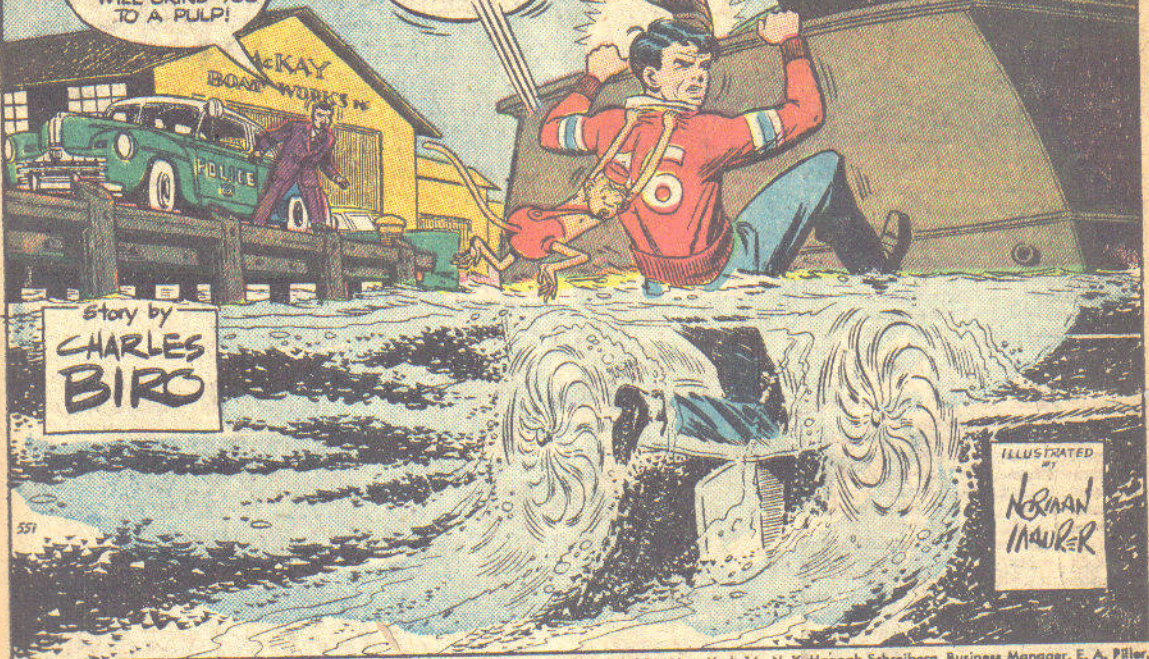
THE NATION'S ARCHIVES ARE BULGING WITH CASE HISTORIES OF EVERY KNOWN TYPE OF FELONY EVER COMMITTED! THESE FILES ARE ACCESSIBLE TO RECOGNIZED NEWS SERVICES AND AGENCIES! THEY ARE PERFORMING A VERY NECESSARY FUNCTION IN MAINTAINING THE HIGHLY EFFECTIVE STRUCTURE OF AMERICA'S PENAL SYSTEM! THE FUNDAMENTAL PURPOSE OF PUNISHMENT IS TO DETER...TO WARN OTHERS WHO MIGHT OTHERWISE VENTURE OUTSIDE THE LAW! IF THE PUBLIC WERE NOT INFORMED OF A CRIMINAL'S APPREHENSION AND PUNISHMENT THE ONLY PURPOSE PUNISHMENT WOULD SERVE WOULD BE EMPTY REVENGE! THIS STORY HAPPENS TO ILLUSTRATE ONE STRONG POINT-- THAT OTHERS BEFORE HAVE TRIED TO GET AWAY WITH IT, BUT FAILED...

Charles Birs

JUMP BACKWARD, C.B.! YOU HAVEN'T GOT A CHANCE! THOSE PROPELLERS WILL GRIND YOU TO A PULP!

**SQUEEK!
SQUEEK!**

THIS IS THE CHANCE I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR, CRIME-BUSTER! I'M GOING TO MAKE YOU WISH YOU WERE NEVER BORN!



Story by
CHARLES BIRS

ILLUSTRATED BY

NORMAN MAURER

SHANNON, WE'VE DECIDED TO RUN THAT FEATURE ON CON-MAN AND CHARITY RACKETS IN NEXT WEEK'S ISSUE! HOP OVER TO CITY HALL, I'VE ARRANGED AN INTERVIEW FOR YOU WITH LOOVER!

IF ANYONE CAN GIVE US THE INFO WE NEED, HE'S THE ONE! LOOVER'S BEEN BUSTING RACKETS IN THIS TOWN FOR YEARS!

...MR. LOOVER? I'M SHANNON FROM "LA PARADE"! WE HAD A DATE, RIGHT?

OH, YES. ABOUT YOUR FEATURE ARTICLE ON CHARITY RACKETS! WHERE DO YOU WANT ME TO BEGIN? THERE'VE BEEN SO MANY... HAVE A SEAT!

I THINK IT WOULD BE BEST IF YOU COULD GIVE US SOME FACTS OF A PARTICULAR CON-MAN. I'D LIKE TO GIVE THE ARTICLE MORE OF A PERSONAL TOUCH!

HMMMM... I THINK I HAVE A BEAUTY FOR YOU!

THIS FELLOW I HAVE IN MIND WAS THE PERPETRATOR OF ONE OF THE ROTTENEST RACKETS I'VE EVER COME ACROSS IN ALL MY YEARS AS A PUBLIC SERVANT—A RAT WHO WOULD STOP AT NOTHING FOR THE ALMIGHTY DOLLAR!

...HE HAD MORE PHONY NAMES THAN YOU CAN COUNT, BUT MOST PEOPLE KNEW HIM AS "SHARPY SHAVERS"! HE'D BEEN ARRESTED FOR THREE DIFFERENT RACKETS BEFORE I STUMBLED ONTO HIS TRAIL... THE OLD FAKE DIAMOND ROUTINE FOR ONE! SHARPY'S FACE WAS GETTING TO BE QUITE FAMILIAR AROUND THE STATE PEN, WHEN AFTER HIS THIRD ARREST HE CAME UP FOR PAROLE AND WAS FREED!

SHARPY JUMPED HIS PAROLE AND DISAPPEARED FOR SOME TIME! A FEW MONTHS LATER, I BEGAN TO GET COMPLAINTS FROM THE COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE ABOUT A NUMBER OF FAKE CHARITY RACKETS THAT WERE SPRINGING UP AROUND TOWN...

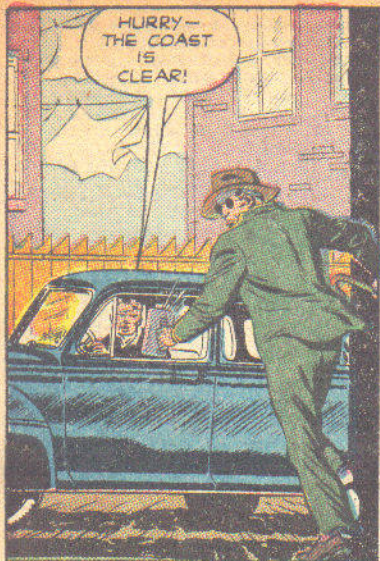
THE MAYOR STARTED BREATHING HOT AIR DOWN OUR NECKS, AND THE ENTIRE DEPARTMENT WAS PLUNGED INTO A FULL SCALE INVESTIGATION... INQUIRY INTO A NEW ORGANIZATION FOR THE BLIND WAS PARTICULARLY STRESSED.

BUT LET ME START AT THE BEGINNING... IT WAS DURING THE SUMMER OF 1949...

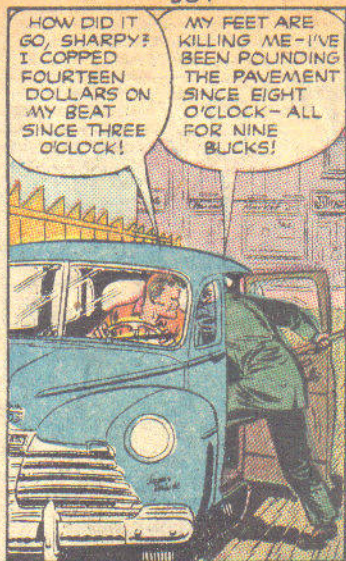
THANK YOU—THANK YOU, KIND SIR!

CLANK!

TAP TAP



HURRY—
THE COAST
IS
CLEAR!



HOW DID IT
GO, SHARPY?
I COPPED
FOURTEEN
DOLLARS ON
MY BEAT
SINCE THREE
O'CLOCK!

MY FEET ARE
KILLING ME—I'VE
BEEN POUNDING
THE PAVEMENT
SINCE EIGHT
O'CLOCK—ALL
FOR NINE
BUCKS!



NINE DOLLARS!
HOW LONG ARE WE
GOING TO ROT ON
THIS CHEAP RACKET?
WHAT ABOUT ALL
THOSE BIG DEALS
YOU SAID YOU
WERE WORKIN'
ON?

JUST
CALM YOUR
CHATTER,
HERBIE, AND
I'LL TELL
YOU!



YEAH, I'VE BEEN PLANNING
A REAL MONEY-MAKER EVER
SINCE I GOT OUT! BUT I HAD
TO GET SOME DOUGH BEHIND
US BEFORE WE COULD PUT IT
INTO OPERATION—THAT'S WHY
THE TIN CUP ROUTINE! DRIVE
OVER TO MY PLACE AND I'LL
SHOW YOU HOW SHARPY
SHIVERS IS GOING TO MAKE
THE SWITCH FROM THE TIN
CUP TO THE GOLD CUP!



IF WE PLAY THIS NEW SET-
UP SMART, WE'LL BE PERCHED
RIGHT ON EASY STREET—WE
CAN WORK IT IN ANY CITY IN
THE COUNTRY! IT COULD
BE NATIONWIDE!



...WELL, THAT'S THE
PITCH, HERBIE; THESE
LITTLE TIN CANS ARE
OUR PASS KEY TO RICHES!
THE SUCKERS WILL BE
CLANKING COINS INTO
THEM TWENTY-FOUR
HOURS A DAY!

I GOTTA HAND
IT TO YA,
SHARPY—WE'LL
GET RICH ON
NICKELS AND
DIMES! WHEN
DO WE START
DISTRIBUTIN'
THEM—TOMORROW!

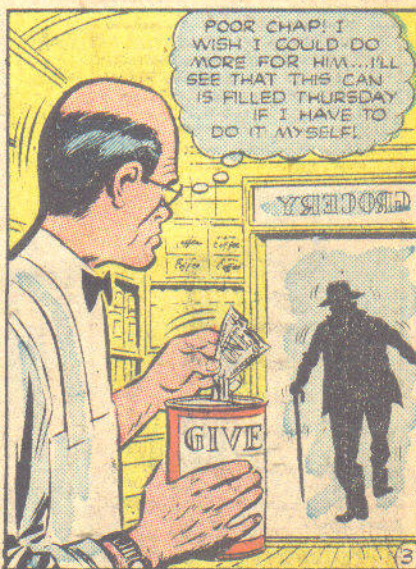


IT'S VERY KIND OF
YOU TO LET US PUT
THESE ON YOUR
COUNTER, MR. WIL-
SON! I'M SURE IT
WON'T BE IN YOUR
WAY! IT'S REALLY
A GOOD CAUSE
AND...

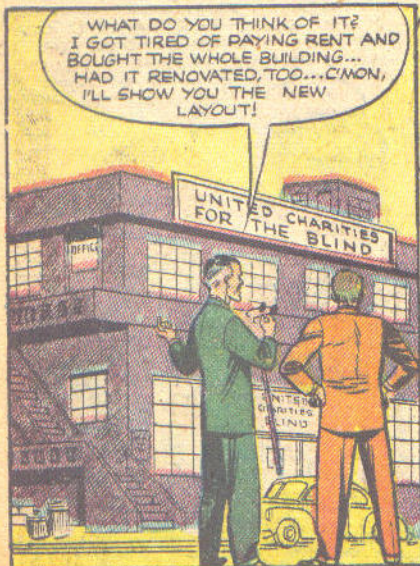
NO TROUBLE
AT ALL, MY GOOD
MAN, ALWAYS
GLAD TO HELP!



A COMMITTEE MEM-
BER WILL BE AROUND
THURSDAY TO COLLECT
THE CAN, AND LEAVE AN
EMPTY ONE! AND
THANK YOU AGAIN!



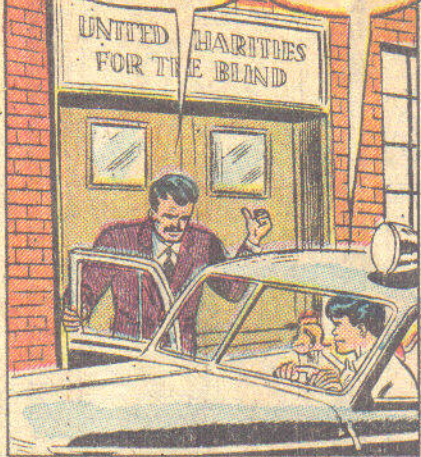
POOR CHAP! I
WISH I COULD DO
MORE FOR HIM... I'LL
SEE THAT THIS CAN
IS FILLED THURSDAY
IF I HAVE TO
DO IT MYSELF!



THESE SUCKERS IN THERE ARE DOING ME A BIGGER FAVOR THAN THEY THINK I'M DOING FOR THEM! IT COSTS NEXT TO NOTHING TO MAINTAIN THIS SCHOOL--AND IT'S A MIGHTY CHEAP INSURANCE POLICY IN CASE THE LAW GETS NOSEY!



YOU WAIT HERE, C.B.! I HAVE TO MAKE A ROUTINE INVESTIGATION OF THIS SPACE! I WON'T BE TOO LONG!



OKAY, LOOVER! BOY, THEY SURE HAVE YOU HUSTING ON THIS RACKET INVESTIGATION!

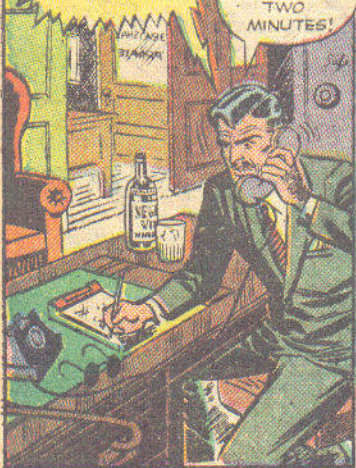
I'M MR. LOOVER, FROM THE POLICE! I'D LIKE TO SEE THE PRESIDENT!

OH, YES, MR. LOOVER--ONE MOMENT, PLEASE!

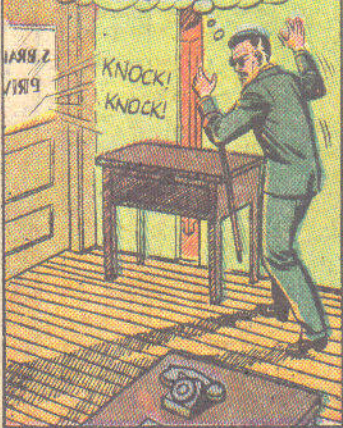


A MR. LOOVER, OF THE POLICE TO SEE YOU, MR. BRADSHAW!

LOOVER? ER--YEAH-- SEND HIM IN IN ABOUT TWO MINUTES!



OF ALL THE LOLSZY COPS AT CITY HALL, THEY HAD TO SEND HIM! LOOVER WAS THE RAT THAT SENT ME UP ON THAT OIL STOCK DEAL! I HOPE THIS DISGUISE WILL GET BY!



AH--DEAR MR. LOOVER! DO COME IN! WELCOME TO OUR MOST HUMBLE ESTABLISHMENT!

SORRY TO BOTHER YOU, MR. BRADSHAW, BUT I HAVE ORDERS TO MAKE A ROUTINE CHECK-UP! WE DO IT AS A REGULAR PRACTICE TO BE SURE THAT ALL CHARITIES IN THE CITY ARE ON THE UP AND UP!



NO TROUBLE AT ALL! I'M DELIGHTED TO BE ABLE TO ASSIST YOU! IT'S HEARTENING TO BE REASSURED THAT OUR FAIR CITY MAINTAINS SUCH A CONSTANT VIGIL FOR UNLAWFUL CHARITIES...



HOW ANYONE COULD SINK TO SUCH DEPTHS AS TO USE THE AFFLICTED AS A MEANS TO GAIN MONETARY REWARDS IS BEYOND MY COMPREHENSION...WE HERE AT THE "UNITED CHARITIES FOR THE BLIND" KNOW HOW IMPORTANT EVERY PENNY IS IN OUR EFFORTS TO HELP AND RE-ADJUST OUR FELLOW SUFFERERS...



THAT ABOUT DOES IT, MR. BRADSHAW! I'M GLAD TO SEE THAT EVERYTHING IS IN ORDER! YOU'RE DOING A GREAT PUBLIC SERVICE!

OUR THANKS TO YOU, SIR! AND DO FEEL WELCOME TO CALL ON US AT ANY TIME!





I WONDER WHAT'S TAKING LOOVER SO LONG! HE'S... SAY! THAT MAN COMING OUT OF THERE... WHERE HAVE I SEEN HIM BEFORE?



LET'S GO, C.B.! THAT'S ONE MORE PLACE I CAN CROSS OFF MY LIST! IT'S AS HONEST AN ORGANIZATION I'VE COME ACROSS!

I DON'T KNOW, LOOVER! I...



I GOT A GOOD LOOK AT A MUG THAT CAME OUT OF THE BUILDING! I'M SURE I'VE SEEN HIM SOME PLACE BEFORE!

YOU AND YOUR EVER SUSPICIOUS NATURE... I TELL YOU, I GAVE THE PLACE A THOROUGH GOING-OVER! IT'S STRICTLY ON THE LEVEL!



I DON'T MEAN TO BE A PEST, BUT I CAN'T GET THAT GUY'S FACE OUT OF MY MIND! I'M GOING TO HAVE A LOOK THROUGH THE FILES!

SUIT YOURSELF! THERE'S NOTHING I LIKE BETTER THAN HAVING YOU DISPROVE YOUR OWN HUNCHES!



LOOVER! I WAS RIGHT! LOOK!

?



THAT'S HIM! I'M POSITIVE HE'S THE ONE I SAW AT THE BLIND INSTITUTE!



ALL RIGHT! SO YOU SAW A KNOWN CROOK COMING OUT OF THE PLACE—SO WHAT? MAYBE HE WAS VISITING A BLIND UNCLE... IT DOESN'T PROVE A THING!

MAYBE NOT, BUT JUST THE SAME, I'D LIKE YOUR PERMISSION TO DO A LITTLE INVESTIGATION ON MY OWN!



YOU AND THAT ETERNAL DOUBT OF YOURS! OKAY, GO AHEAD! I WON'T BE RESPONSIBLE FOR KEEPING YOU AWAKE NIGHTS— BESIDES I COULDN'T STOP YOU IF I WANTED TO!



IN SHORT, WHAT I WANT IS TO BECOME A PATIENT! I HAVE TO GIVE THE APPEARANCE OF A BLIND MAN! CAN YOU FIX ME UP?

A SET OF CLOUDY CONTACT LENSES AND A FAIR MEDICAL REPORT SHOULD DO THE TRICK! COME BY THIS EVENING AND I'LL HAVE EVERYTHING READY, C.B.!

HERE'S THE COUNTY MEDICAL REPORT SHOWING YOUR BLINDNESS AND THE CONTACT LENSES! MAKE SURE YOU REMEMBER MY INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO PUT THEM ON! GOOD LUCK, C. B.!

THANKS, DOC! YOU'VE BEEN A BIG HELP!

MR. BRADSHAW HAS APPROVED YOUR APPLICATION, MR. CHANDLER! DO YOU HAVE ANY TRADE IN PARTICULAR THAT YOU WISH TO LEARN, PERHAPS WOODWORKING OR CERAMICS...

ER— CERAMICS! YES, THAT WILL DO FINE!

OUT CHAIR FOR BLIND

AH— YOU MUST BE, MR. CHANDLER, OUR NEW MEMBER! WELCOME TO THE UNITED CHARITIES FOR THE BLIND!! I HOPE YOUR STAY WITH US WILL BE MOST ENLIGHTENING!

THANK YOU, MR. BRADSHAW! I'M SURE IT WILL!

EVERYONE'S GONE HOME, OR TO THE DORMITORIES ACROSS THE STREET! IF I CAN JUST JIMMY THIS LOCK... THERE! THAT DOES IT!

CLICK!

OFFICE UNITED CHARITIES FOR THE BLIND

I'M BEGINNING TO WONDER IF LOOVER WASN'T RIGHT! I'VE GONE THROUGH EVERY DRAWER AND FILE, AND FOUND NOTHING! THERE MUST BE SOMETHING I'VE OVERLOOKED! MAYBE A SECRET ROOM...

PRIVATE

THIS SURE SOUNDS HOLLOW! IT COULD BE A THIN WALL, BUT THEN...

THUMP! THUMP!

THE FLOOR MOULDING LOOKS LIKE IT MIGHT... HOLY COW! I WAS RIGHT!

CLICK

NO CHANCE OF GETTING THAT SAFE OPEN TONIGHT—I WISH LOOVER WAS HERE, IT SURE IS A HECK OF A LAYOUT FOR A BLIND MAN'S OFFICE—WHISKEY—EXTRA DARK GLASSES, A RACING FORM, AND HAIR DYE...

SAFE

... THIS DOODLING ON BRADSHAW'S DESK PAD CINCHES IT! HE'S NOT BLIND! NOW TO GET IT BACK TO LOOVERS AND HAVE HIM ISSUE A SEARCH WARRANT! I'M SURE THE INTERIOR OF THE SAFE WILL SUPPLY ENOUGH EVIDENCE TO PROVE JUST HOW PHONY THIS SET-UP IS!

CAN DISTRIBUTION CHART



...BUT I TELL YOU IT'S AN OUT AND OUT PHONY! YOU'VE GOT TO ISSUE THAT SEARCH WARRANT! I'M SURE WE CAN GET ALL THE EVIDENCE WE'LL NEED ONCE WE GET INTO THAT SAFE!

ARE YOU INSANE, C.B.? I CAN'T ISSUE A WARRANT ON THE STRENGTH OF SUCH FLIMSY EVIDENCE!



THEN TAKE A LOOK AT THIS! IT WAS ON BRADSHAW'S DESK...DOODLED ON HIS PRIVATE PAD! NO BLIND MAN COULD HAVE DONE IT--IT'S TOO COMPLICATED A DESIGN!



AND DON'T FORGET I FOUND THE EXTRA DARK GLASSES AND THE HAIR DYE! I'M SURE BRADSHAW'S NOT BLIND!



I CAN'T GO FOR IT, C.B.! THERE'S NO PROOF THAT IT WAS BRADSHAW'S DESK, OR FOR THAT MATTER, HIS DOODLING! I CAN'T ISSUE A SEARCH WARRANT ON THESE GROUNDS!

HAVE IT YOUR OWN WAY! I'LL JUST HAVE TO GO IT ALONE!



...YOU SAY IT WILL BUST INTO SMOKE INSTANTLY?

IT'LL MAKE MORE THAN A FOUR-ALARM FIRE! WE'VE SMOKED OUT MANY A RAT WITH THESE LITTLE BOMBS!



...NOW REMEMBER, IF YOU SMELL SMOKE ABOUT TWO O'CLOCK THIS AFTERNOON JUST IGNORE IT! KEEP CALM AND CONTINUE WORKING! I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT EVERYTHING WILL BE ALL RIGHT!

ANYTHING YOU SAY, MR. CHANDLER!

WE UNDERSTAND!



HELP! FIRE!



LEMME OUTTA HERE!!

LOOK AT THAT SMOKE! THE PLACE IS IN FLAMES!



HELP!! FIRE!!



LOOK AT HIM GO!
NO BLIND MAN COULD
TAKE A FLIGHT OF
STAIRS LIKE THAT!



HOLD IT, BRADSHAW!
FOR A BLIND MAN, YOU'D
MAKE A DARN GOOD
TRACK STAR!



HELP! STOP
HIM, SOMEBODY!

TAKE IT EASY,
PAL— YOU AND
THAT BLACK BAG
HAVE A DATE
WITH LOOVER!



HELP!
HELP!
I'M
BLIND!

LET'S GET
THAT SKUNK!

THE LOUSE!
FIGHTING
WITH A
BLIND MAN!

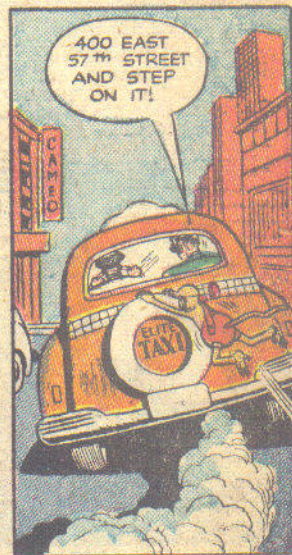


HOW LOW CAN A
RAT LIKE YOU SINK—
BEATING UP A HELPLESS
BLIND MAN— I OUGHTTA
BUST YOU
IN TWO!

BUT I TELL
YOU HE'S NOT
BLIND... HE'S...
OH, WHAT'S
THE USE!

DON'T LET
HIM GET
AWAY,
SQUEEKS!

TAXI!



400 EAST
57TH STREET
AND STEP
ON IT!

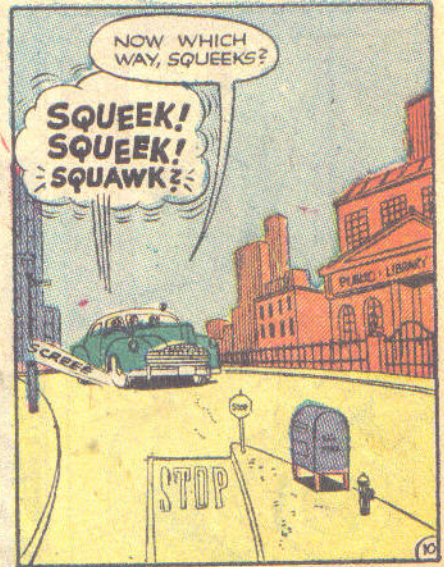
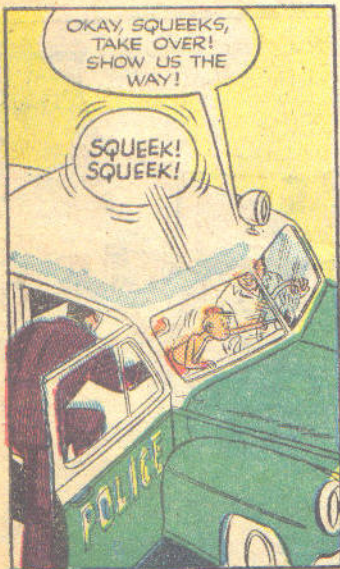
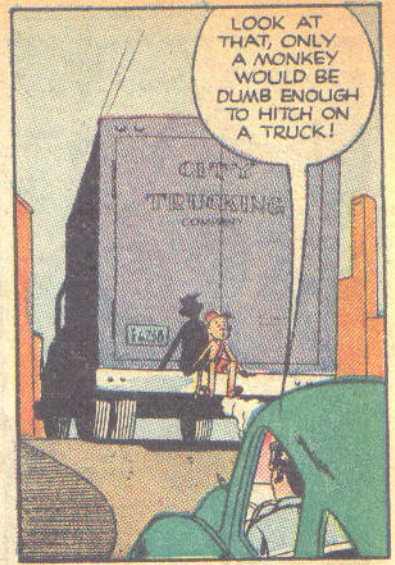
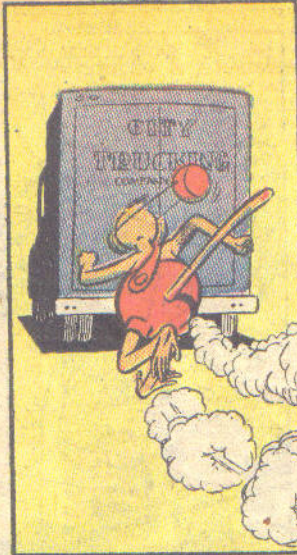
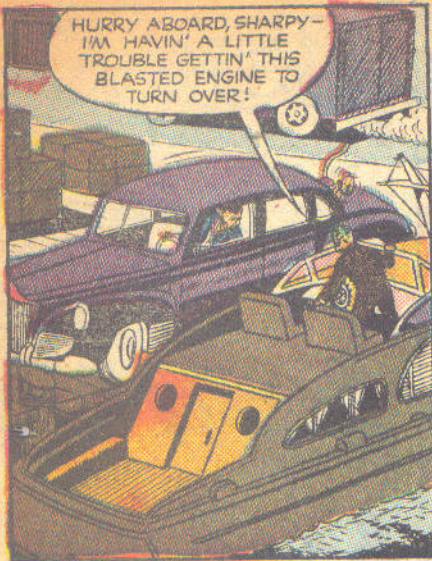


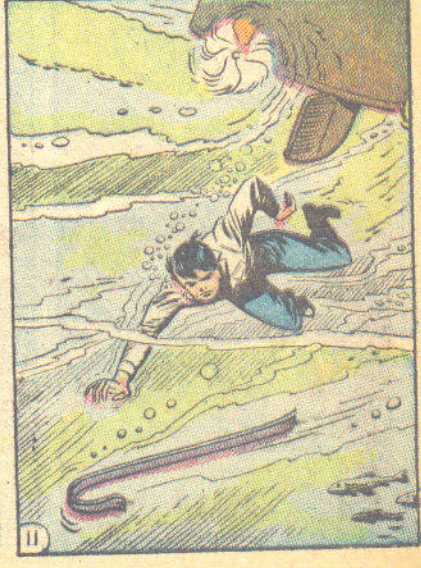
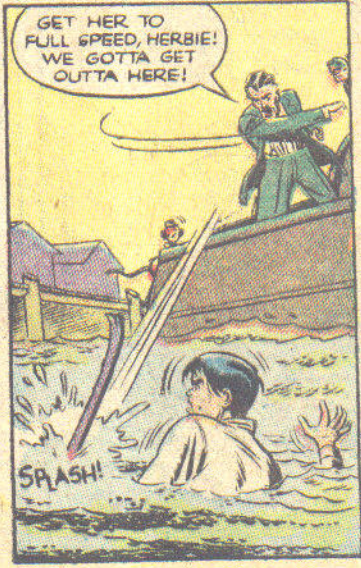
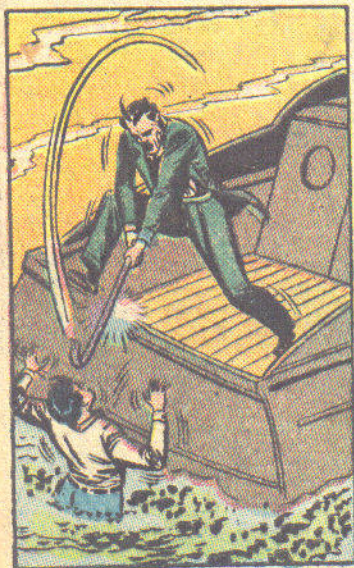
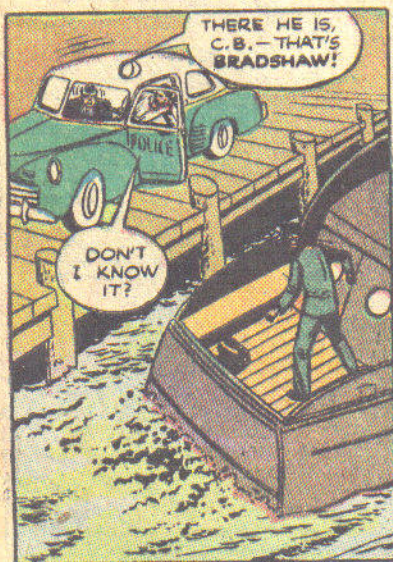
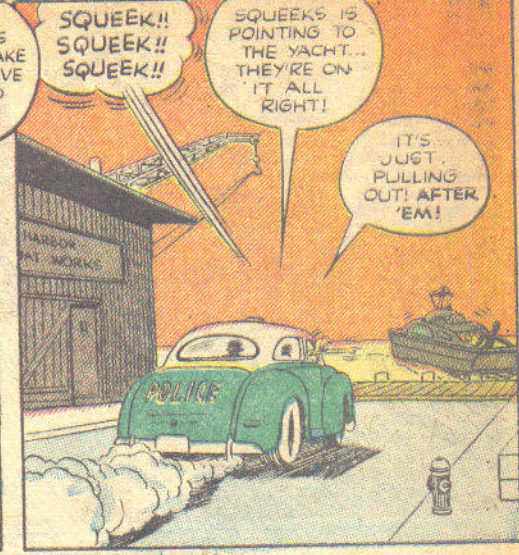
HERBIE? LISTEN, THE
COPS ARE WISE TO US!
GRAB WHAT YOU CAN
AND MEET ME AT THE
APARTMENT
RIGHT NOW!

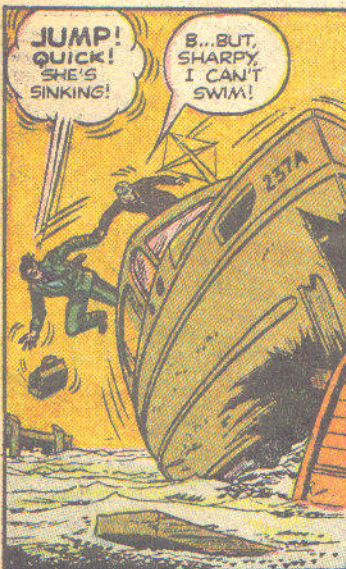
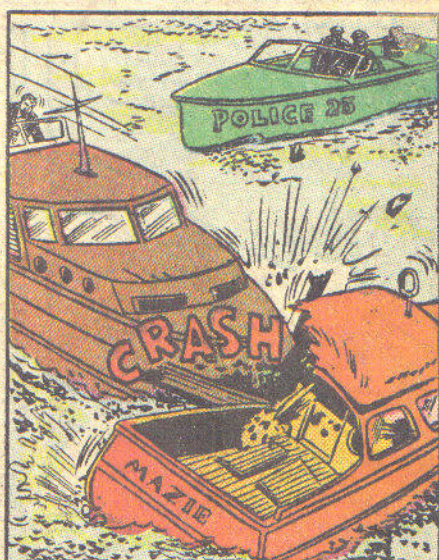
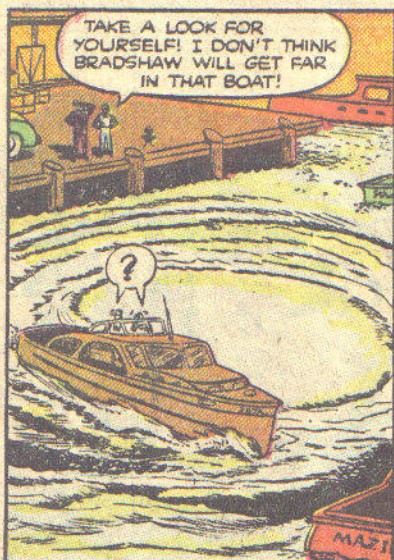
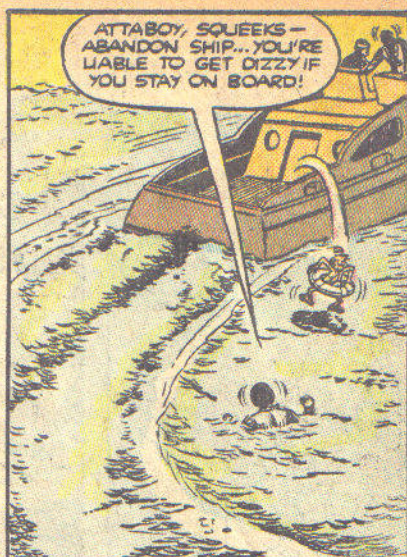
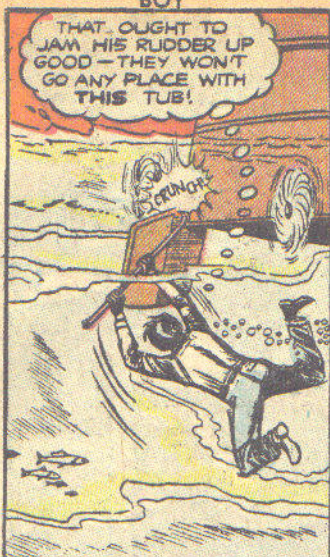
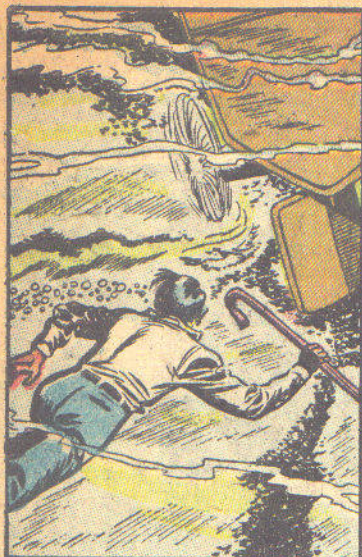
RIGHT!
I'LL SEE YOU
IN HALF AN
HOUR!



THAT YOUNG SKUNK I TOOK
IN YESTERDAY WAS A POLICE
PLANT! SO WHAT IF THE JIG IS
UP! MY YACHT IS FOR JUST
SUCH AN EMERGENCY! ONCE
I GET TO CUBA, I'LL LIVE
LIKE A KING ON THE
DOUGH!







I'M GOING TO FISH OUT HERBIE—THERE'S STILL A FEW QUESTIONS I'D LIKE TO ASK HIM!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN! WHY, I RECOVERED THIS MONEY FROM THAT CROOK, HERBIE! HE WAS TRYING TO STEAL IT!

OKAY, BRADSHAW, RELAX! WHERE YOU'RE GOING, YOU WON'T NEED THAT BAG OF MONEY!

ARGH! COUGH! SPUT!

TAKE IT EASY, HERBIE! I'M AFRAID YOU'LL LIVE THROUGH IT!

YOUR PAL SEEMED TO FEEL THAT SAVING THE BAG OF MONEY WAS MORE IMPORTANT THAN SAVING YOU—HE LEFT YOU TO DROWN! I THINK YOU'D BE SMART IF YOU STARTED TO DO A BIT OF FAST THINKING!

NOT TO MENTION HIS SAYING THAT ONLY YOU DID THE STEALING! WHO IS BRADSHAW? C'MON TALK, OR WOULD YOU RATHER GO FOR ANOTHER SWIM!

OKAY! OKAY! I'M GLAD I'M ALIVE TO DO IT, THE RAT!

...THAT'S THE WHOLE STORY! WE WERE DOIN' ALL RIGHT, TOO, UNTIL SHARPY TOOK THIS FELLER INTO THE PLACE! HE HAD US ALL FOOLED!

SHARPY SHAVERS? WHY I HELPED SEND SHARPY TO PRISON IN 1939... WELL, I'LL BE...

THAT ABOUT WINDS UP THE STORY! I HOPE IT'S WHAT YOU'RE AFTER! BUT WAIT—HERE COMES CRIMEBUSTER! HE CAN TAKE IT FROM HERE! I'M LATE FOR AN APPOINTMENT WITH THE COMMISSIONER!

HI, LOOVER!

I'M GLAD TO MEET YOU, CRIME-BUSTER! FROM LOOVER'S STORY I HAD YOU PICTURED AS SIX FOOT TWO AND ABOUT FORTY YEARS OLD!

GOOD GRIEF! WAS IT AS BAD AS ALL THAT?

...YES, SHARPY GOT THE MAXIMUM SENTENCE—HE'D FORGOTTEN THAT HIS BLIND MAN CAPER WAS HIS FOURTH OFFENSE! HE WENT DOWN REACHING FOR BIG STAKES AND WROTE HIS OWN ONE WAY TICKET TO THE PEN!

SAY, HOW ARE MY CHANCES OF GETTING A PHOTO OF THIS SHARPY SHAVERS?

THAT'S A PRETTY BIG ORDER... TAKE YOUR PICK! WHICH ALIAS?

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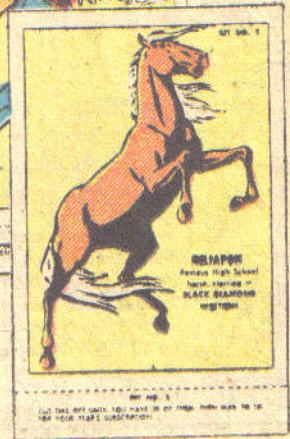
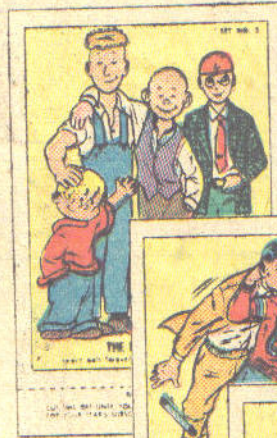
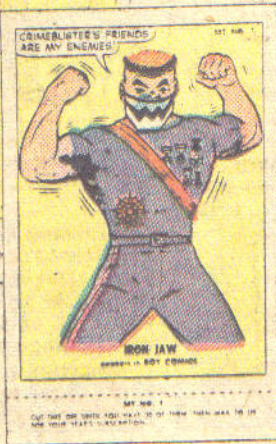
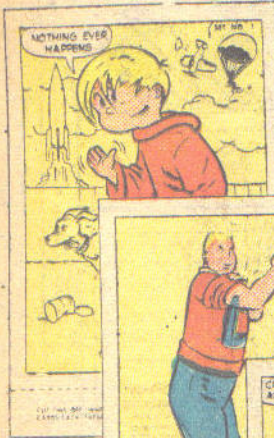
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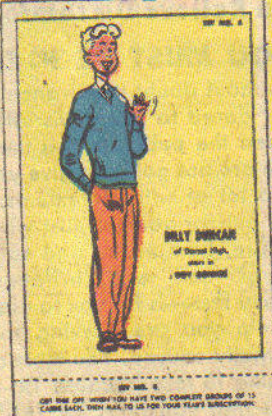
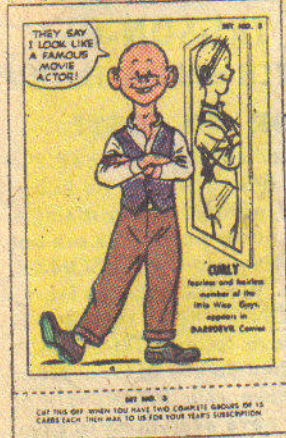
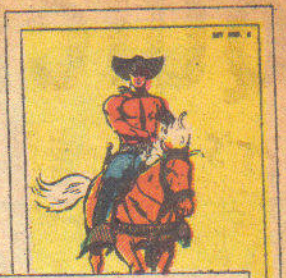
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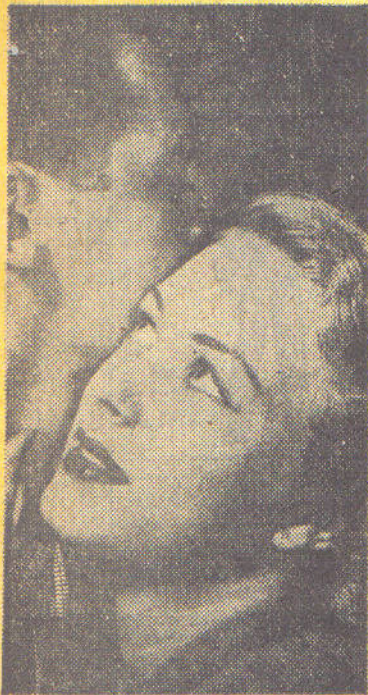
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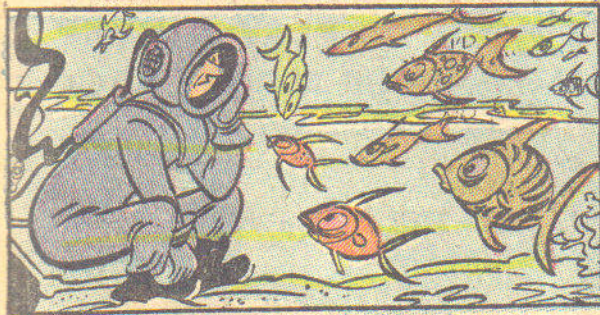
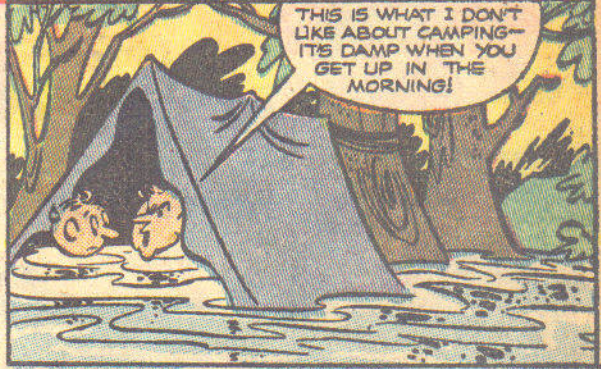
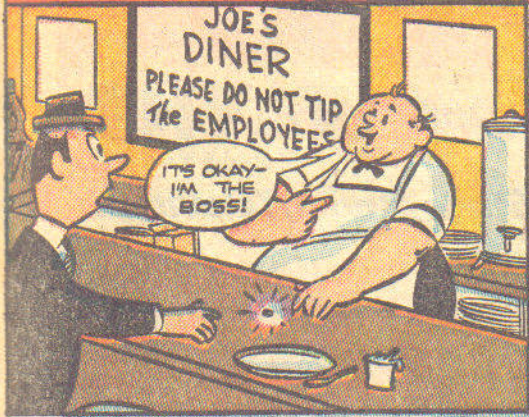
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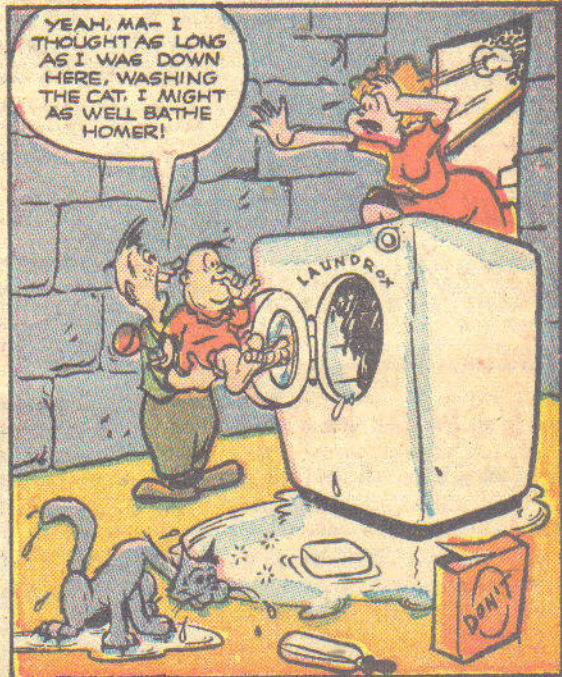
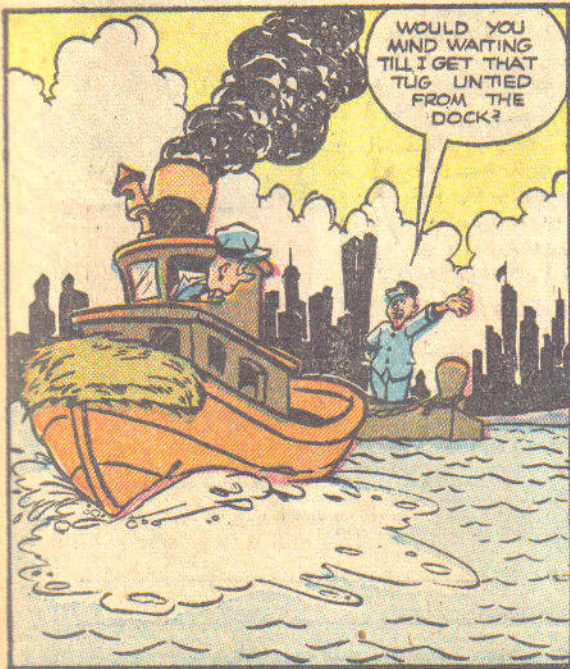
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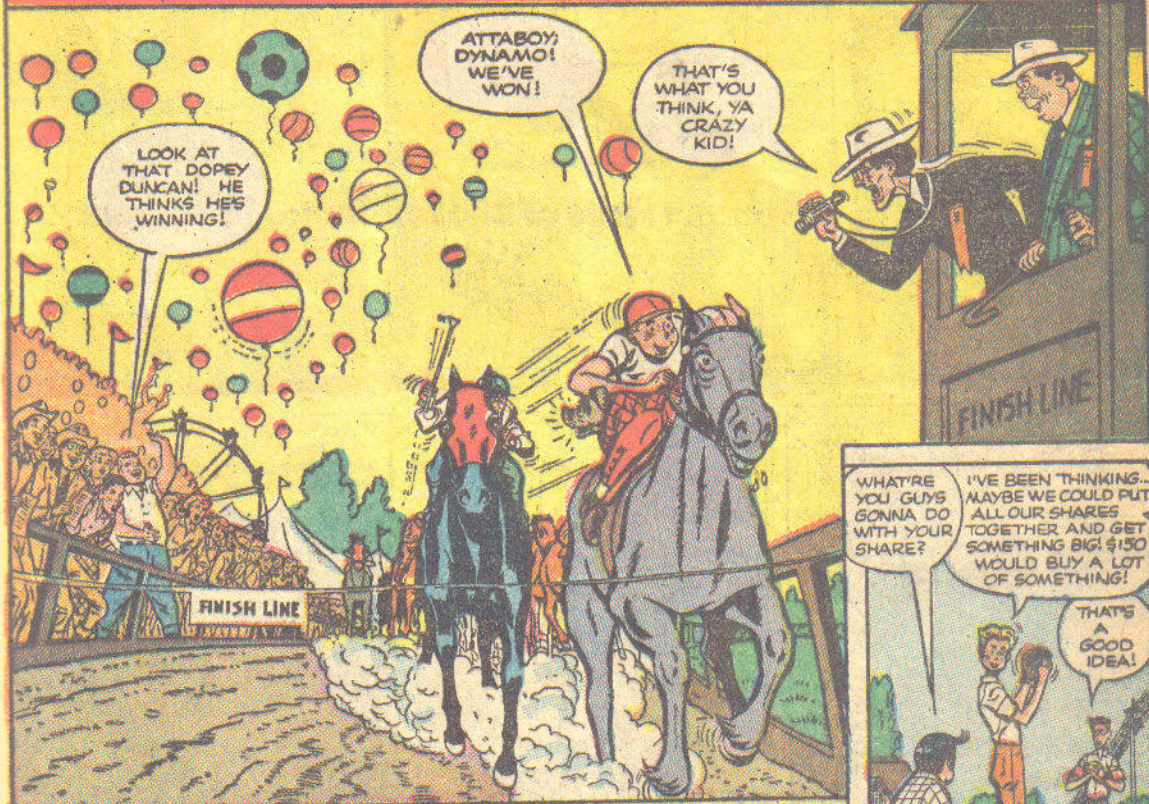
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LOOK AT THAT DOPEY DUNCAN! HE THINKS HE'S WINNING!

ATTABOY! DYNAMO! WE'VE WON!

THAT'S WHAT YOU THINK, YA CRAZY KID!

WHAT'RE YOU GUYS GONNA DO WITH YOUR SHARE?

I'VE BEEN THINKING... MAYBE WE COULD PUT ALL OUR SHARES TOGETHER AND GET SOMETHING BIG! \$150 WOULD BUY A LOT OF SOMETHING!

THAT'S A GOOD IDEA!

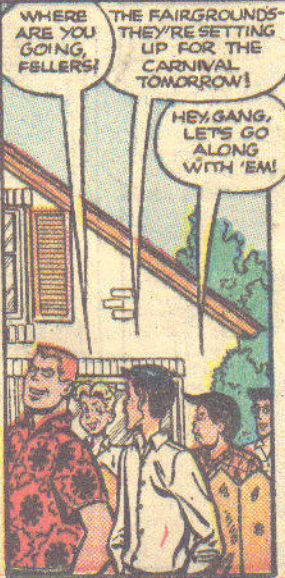
THERE ARE LOTS OF WAYS TO RUN A HORSE RACE, BUT WE'LL BET THAT NOBODY HAS EVER THOUGHT OF THE WAY DILLY RAN ONE! OF COURSE HE DID GET A LITTLE CONFUSED AND THE DOG DIDN'T HELP ANY, BUT THE FANS LOVED IT! THAT IS, ALL OF THEM BUT WALDO! BUT LET'S GET BACK TO THE BOYS, WHO ARE TALKING ABOUT A REWARD THEY GOT FOR HELPING TO CAPTURE THE TWO BANK ROBBERS...



MAYBE WE COULD GET A CAR OR A BOAT, MAYBE!

WE ALREADY GOT A BOAT!

WELL, JUST LOOK AT THE ALL-AMERICAN BOYS!



WHERE ARE YOU GOING FELLERS!

THE FAIRGROUNDS! THEY'RE SETTING UP FOR THE CARNIVAL TOMORROW!

HEY, GANG, LET'S GO ALONG WITH 'EM!



BOY IF I JUST HAD A LITTLE MONEY, I'D REALLY TAKE THESE GUYS OVER!

OH, YEAH! THESE CARNIVALS GET RICH ON GUYS LIKE YOU!

HEY, LOOK AT THAT SIGN OVER THERE! IT SAYS THERE'S A RACE TRACK HERE!

I REALLY LOVE HORSES! WOULDN'T IT BE SWEET IF WE COULD BUY ONE WITH OUR REWARD MONEY AND ENTER HIM IN THE RACE!

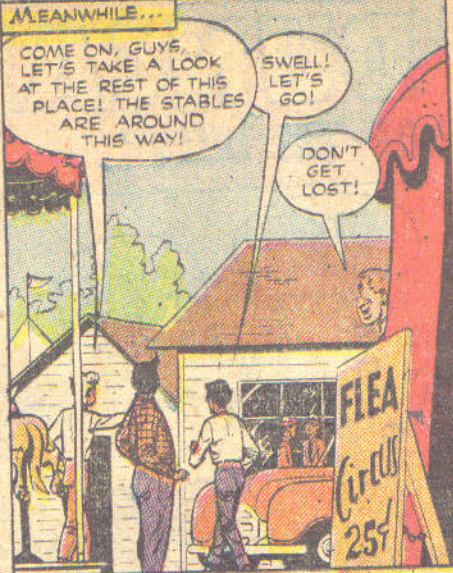
BUT WE COULDN'T BUY A RACE HORSE FOR \$150!

HMM... THEY WANTA SPEND \$150 ON A HORSE? I MIGHT BE ABLE TO TAKE CARE OF THOSE KIDS!



HEY, JOE, I THINK I'VE GOT SOME SUCKERS TO BUY OUR OLD NAG!

THAT'S A BREAK! I THOUGHT WE'D HAVE TO GIVE HER AWAY!



MEANWHILE...

COME ON, GUYS, LET'S TAKE A LOOK AT THE REST OF THIS PLACE! THE STABLES ARE AROUND THIS WAY!

SWELL! LET'S GO!

DON'T GET LOST!



THERE ARE SOME FINE LOOKING HORSES HERE! I'D SURE GIVE MY FIFTY DOLLARS IF WE COULD BUY ONE!

HERE THEY COME, JOE! GET READY!



WE'VE GOT TO SELL HER, WHITEY! WE DON'T HAVE ANY MORE MONEY FOR FEED!

IT'LL BREAK MY HEART TO SELL DYNAMO! SHE'S THE BEST HORSE I EVER OWNED! GUESS THERE'S NO CHOICE, THOUGH!



SAY, MISTER! WHAT'S THAT ABOUT 'SELLIN' A HORSE?

WELL - Y'SEE, BOYS, WE'RE BROKE AND WE CAN'T KEEP HER ANY MORE!

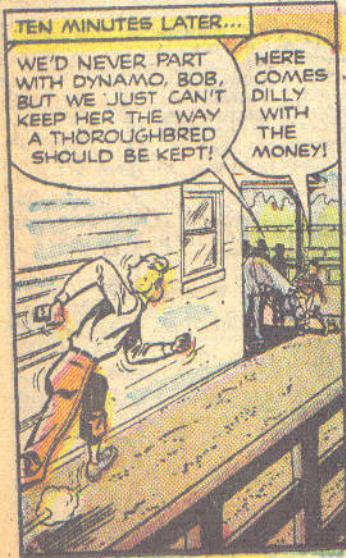
WE COULDN'T BUY A HORSE LIKE THAT! WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH MONEY!



WE'LL HAVE TO SELL HER CHEAP, BOYS - AROUND \$150 - I FIGURE!

YEAH? JUST WHAT WE'VE GOT!

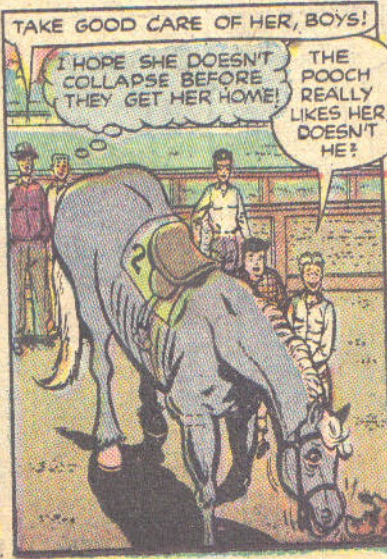
IT'S A DEAL! OH, BOY! I'LL RUN AND GET THE MONEY!



TEN MINUTES LATER...

WE'D NEVER PART WITH DYNAMO, BOB, BUT WE JUST CAN'T KEEP HER THE WAY A THOROUGHBRED SHOULD BE KEPT!

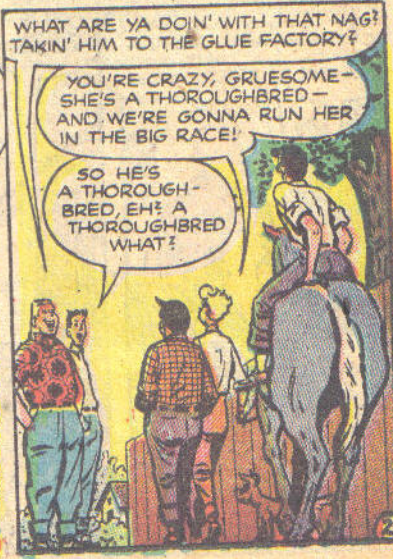
HERE COMES DILLY WITH THE MONEY!



TAKE GOOD CARE OF HER, BOYS!

I HOPE SHE DOESN'T COLLAPSE BEFORE THEY GET HER HOME!

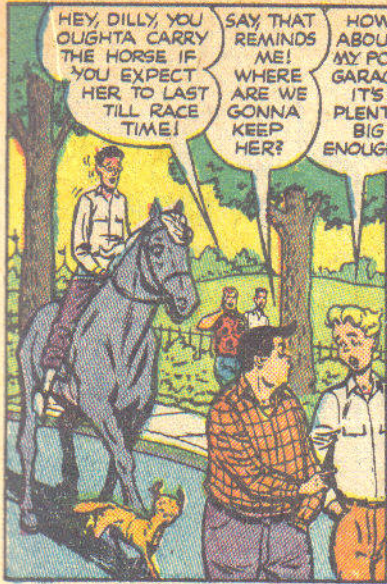
THE POOCH REALLY REALLY LIKES HER, DOESN'T HE?



WHAT ARE YA DOIN' WITH THAT NAG? TAKIN' HIM TO THE GLUE FACTORY?

YOU'RE CRAZY, GRUESOME - SHE'S A THOROUGHBRED - AND WE'RE GONNA RUN HER IN THE BIG RACE!

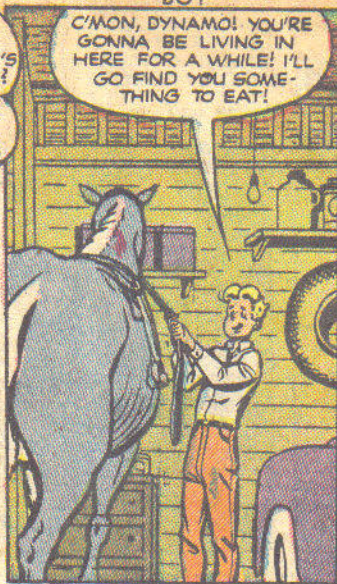
SO HE'S A THOROUGHBRED, EH? A THOROUGHBRED WHAT?



HEY, DILLY, YOU OUGHTA CARRY THE HORSE IF YOU EXPECT HER TO LAST TILL RACE TIME!

SAY THAT REMINDS ME! WHERE ARE WE GONNA KEEP HER?

HOW ABOUT MY POP'S GARAGE? IT'S PLENTY BIG ENOUGH!



C'MON, DYNAMO! YOU'RE GONNA BE LIVING IN HERE FOR A WHILE! I'LL GO FIND YOU SOMETHING TO EAT!



I'M AFRAID THIS IS THE BEST I CAN DO, OLD GIRL! SORRY THERE'S NO SUGAR AND CREAM! NOW, I GOTTA HURRY AND GET IN THE HOUSE FOR DINNER MYSELF!

HOPE I CAN GET YOU OUT TOMORROW BEFORE POP SEES YOU!

EAT CRISPY CRUNCHIES FOR STRENGTH!
The breakfast food of success men!



LATER... WHY, DILLY, YOU ATE LIKE A HORSE TONIGHT!

A HORSE? WHAT HORSE?

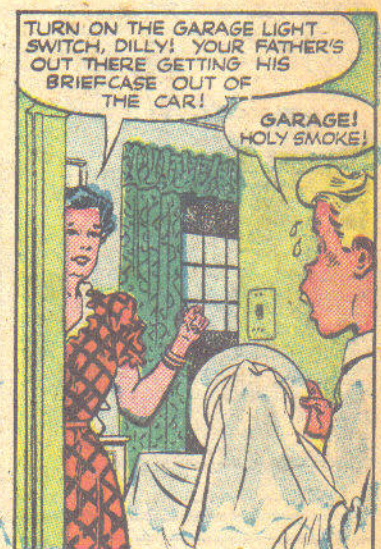
SAY, SALLY, WHERE'S MY BRIEFCASE!

ARE YOU GOING TO WORK AGAIN TONIGHT, DAD?



YOU WASH 'EM, SIS! I'LL DRY!

TAKE IT EASY WITH THOSE PLATES, OR THERE WON'T BE ANYTHING TO WASH!



TURN ON THE GARAGE LIGHT SWITCH, DILLY! YOUR FATHER'S OUT THERE GETTING HIS BRIEFCASE OUT OF THE CAR!

GARAGE! HOLY SMOKE!



WHERE'S THAT DARN BRIEFCASE? IT'S SO DARK IN HERE YOU CAN'T SEE YOUR HAND IN FRONT OF...



...YOUR FACE!

YEOW!! WHAT'S THAT?



HEY, POP! DID YA SEE... OH, OH, HE SAW HER ALL RIGHT!

GET THAT BEAST AWAY FROM ME!

WHERE DID THAT ANIMAL COME FROM?

DON'T WORRY, I CAN EXPLAIN EVERYTHING!

...AND WE'RE GONNA RUN HER AT THE FAIR DAY AFTER TOMORROW! YOU'VE GOTTA LET ME KEEP HER HERE!

WE...LL...I GUESS IT'LL BE OKAY FOR A COUPLE OF NIGHTS, ANYWAY! FRIENDLY CUSS, ISN'T SHE?

NEXT DAY...

YOU'D BETTER BE THE JOCKEY, DILLY! YOU'RE THE SMALLEST!

OKAY BY ME! BUT I'VE NEVER BEEN ON A HORSE IN MY LIFE, ESPECIALLY A THOROUGH-BRED LIKE HER!

AROUND TWICE IS A MILE! CLOCK ME, MARV!

TAKE A LOOK AT WHAT SHOWED UP! BETTER NOT RUN THAT HORSE TOO FAST, DUNCAN! SHE'LL FOLD UP LIKE A TENT!

HERE COMES MY COUSIN'S HORSE!

HOW DO YOU LIKE THAT TIME—ONE MINUTE AND FIFTY-EIGHT SECONDS!

THAT'S TRAVELIN', ALL RIGHT! MY COUSIN'S GOT SOME HORSE THERE!

CONGRATULATIONS! SHE MADE IT!

THREE AND A HALF MINUTES! HOW DO YOU LIKE THAT TIME!

S...SWELL, MARV! SHE'LL WIN IN A WALK!

BOY, THEY WOULDN'T HAVE A PRAYER AGAINST YOUR COUSIN'S HORSE!

TOO BAD THEY'RE NOT IN THE SAME RACE! CLAUDE'S IN THE SECOND ONE FOR OLDER JOCKEYS! WE'LL STILL HAVE THE FUN OF WATCHING DILLY RIDE, THOUGH—IN THE "AMATEUR" RACE!

THE NEXT AFTERNOON...

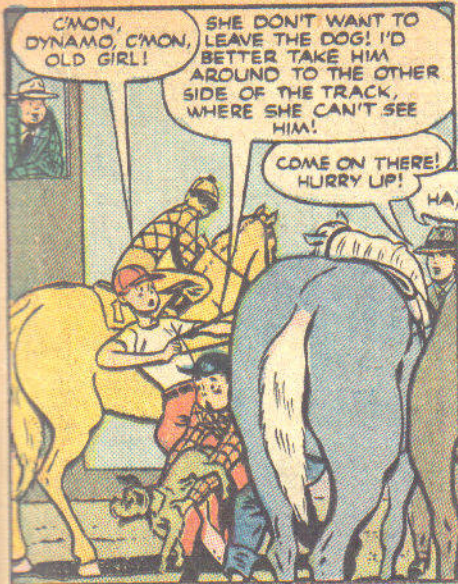
THAT'S A MIGHTY FINE LOOKING JOCKEY SLIT YOU'VE GOT!

IT'S PROBABLY HARD TO BELIEVE BUT I JUST GOT IT TOGETHER FROM THINGS AROUND THE HOUSE!

WOW—TAKE A LOOK AT THAT!

THIS IS A HORSE RACE SON, NOT A DOG RACE! YOU'LL HAVE TO GET HIM OFF THE TRACK!

BUT SHE WON'T RUN WITHOUT THE DOG!

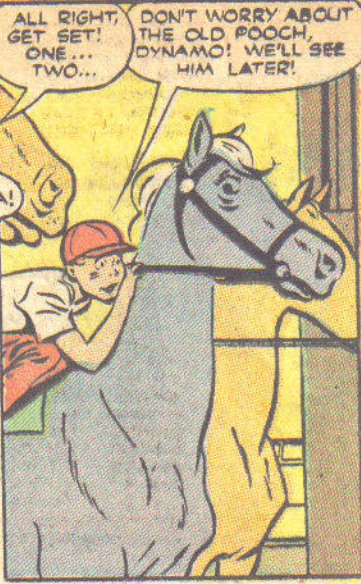


C'MON, DYNAMO, C'MON, OLD GIRL!

SHE DON'T WANT TO LEAVE THE DOG! I'D BETTER TAKE HIM AROUND TO THE OTHER SIDE OF THE TRACK, WHERE SHE CAN'T SEE HIM!

COME ON THERE! HURRY UP!

HA, HA!



ALL RIGHT, GET SET! ONE... TWO...

DON'T WORRY ABOUT THE OLD POOCH, DYNAMO! WE'LL SEE HIM LATER!



THREE! THEY'RE OFF!

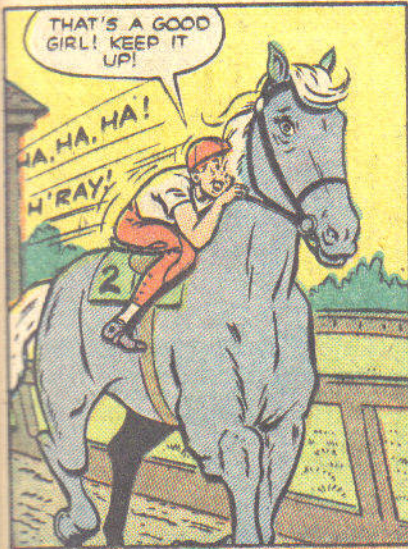
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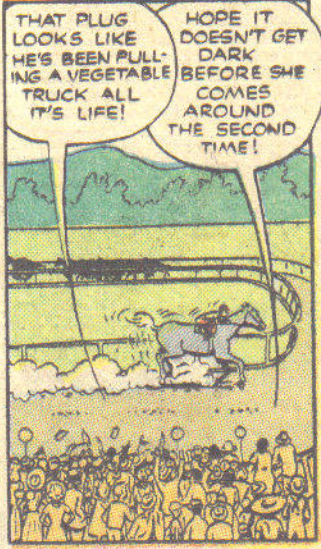
YEAH! WHAT'S THAT STANDING THERE?

GIDDAP, DYNAMO!



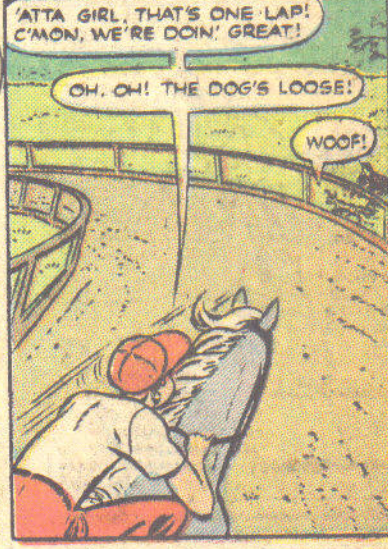
THAT'S A GOOD GIRL! KEEP IT UP!

HA, HA, HA!
H'RAY!



THAT PLUG LOOKS LIKE HE'S BEEN PULLING A VEGETABLE TRUCK ALL IT'S LIFE!

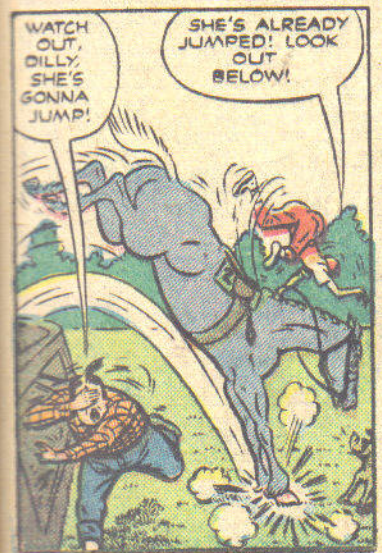
HOPE IT DOESN'T GET DARK BEFORE SHE COMES AROUND THE SECOND TIME!



'ATTA GIRL, THAT'S ONE LAP! C'MON, WE'RE DOIN' GREAT!

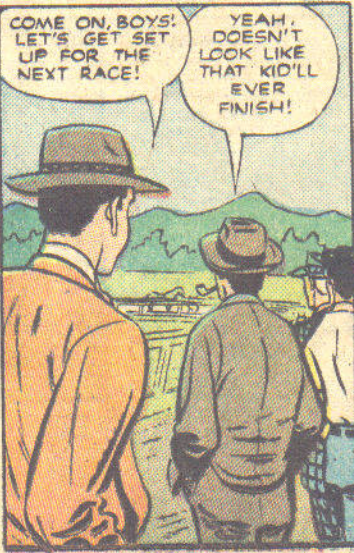
OH, OH! THE DOG'S LOOSE!

WOOF!



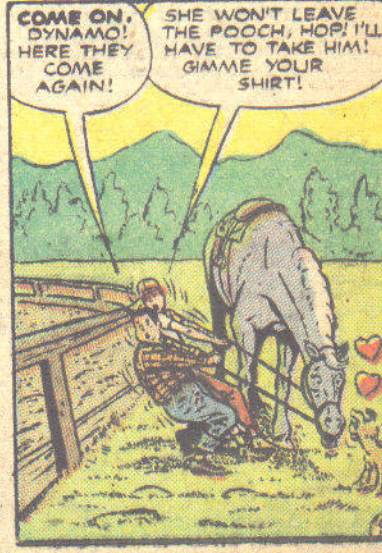
WATCH OUT, DILLY, SHE'S GONNA JUMP!

SHE'S ALREADY JUMPED! LOOK OUT BELOW!



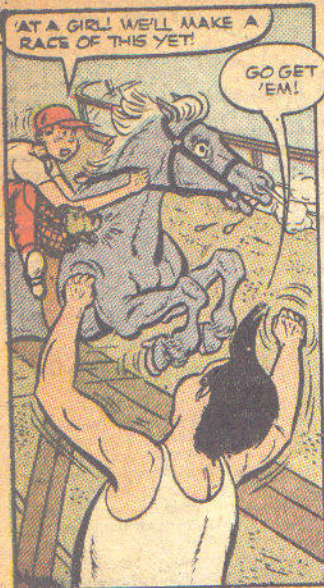
COME ON, BOYS! LET'S GET SET UP FOR THE NEXT RACE!

YEAH, DOESN'T LOOK LIKE THAT KID'LL EVER FINISH!



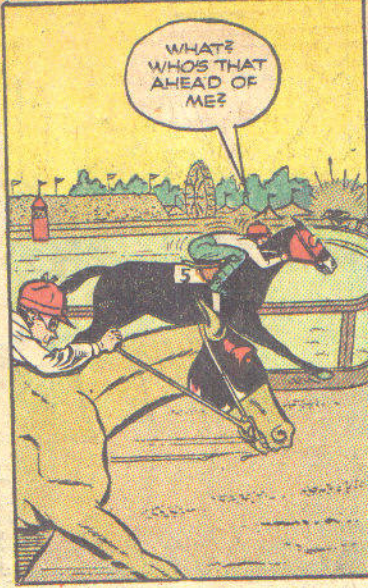
COME ON, DYNAMO! HERE THEY COME AGAIN!

SHE WON'T LEAVE THE POOCH, HOP! I'LL HAVE TO TAKE HIM! GIMME YOUR SHIRT!

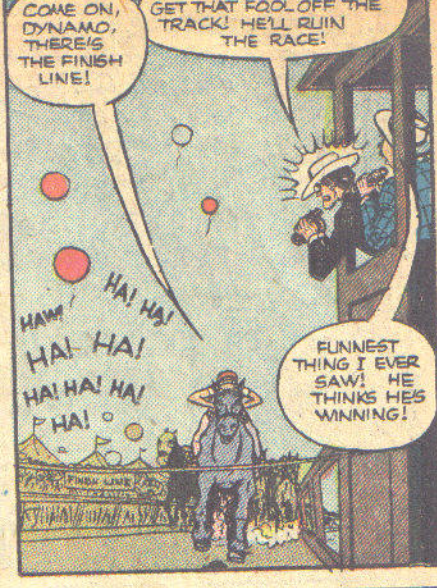


'AT A GIRL! WE'LL MAKE A RACE OF THIS YET!

GO GET 'EM!



WHAT? WHO'S THAT AHEAD OF ME?



COME ON, DYNAMO, THERE'S THE FINISH LINE!

GET THAT FOOL OFF THE TRACK! HE'LL RUIN THE RACE!

HAW! HAI! HAI!
HAI! HAI!
HAI! HAI! HAI!
F HAI!

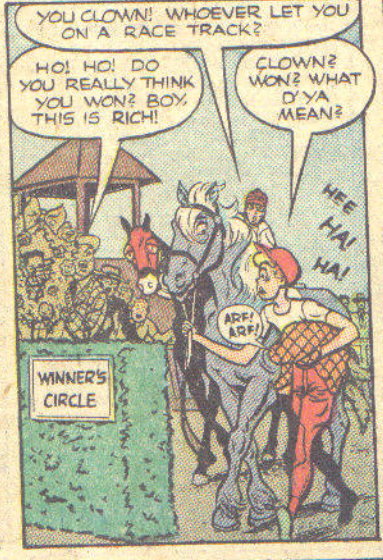
FUNNEST THING I EVER SAW! HE THINKS HE'S WINNING!



LOOK AT THE DOPE! HE'S RUINED IT FOR CLAUDE! HE'S MADE A JOKE OUT OF THIS WHOLE RACE!

HE'S RUINED IT FOR CLAUDE! HE'S MADE A JOKE OUT OF THIS WHOLE RACE!

RAC FINISH LINE HAI HAI!



YOU CLOWN! WHOEVER LET YOU ON A RACE TRACK?

HO! HO! DO YOU REALLY THINK YOU WON? BOY, THIS IS RICH!

CLOWN? WON? WHAT D'YA MEAN?

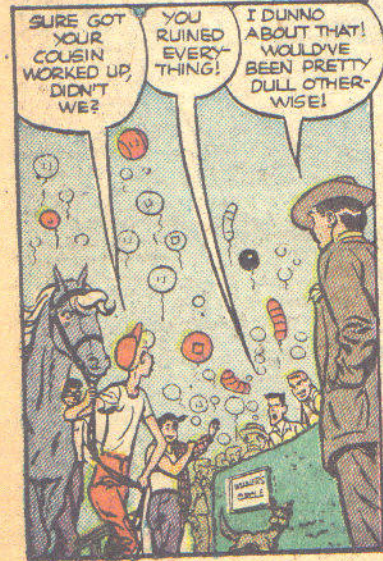
HEE HAI HAI!



YOU'VE MADE A SHAMBLES OUT OF THIS RACE, YOUNG MAN! AND THAT DOG! 'LL...

COME OFF IT, ED! THE KID DIDN'T KNOW WHAT HE WAS DOING!

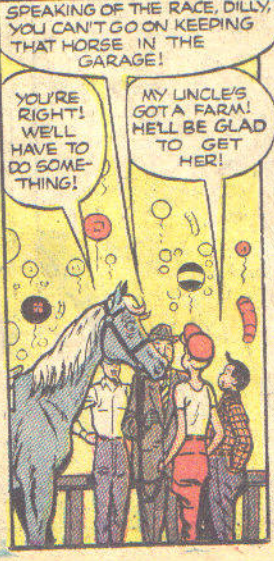
THAT'S NOTHING NEW!



SURE GOT YOUR COUSIN WORKED UP, DIDN'T WE?

YOU RUINED EVERYTHING!

I DUNNO ABOUT THAT! WOULD'VE BEEN PRETTY DULL OTHER-WISE!



YOU'RE RIGHT! WE'LL HAVE TO DO SOMETHING!

MY UNCLE'S GOT A FARM! HE'LL BE GLAD TO GET HER!



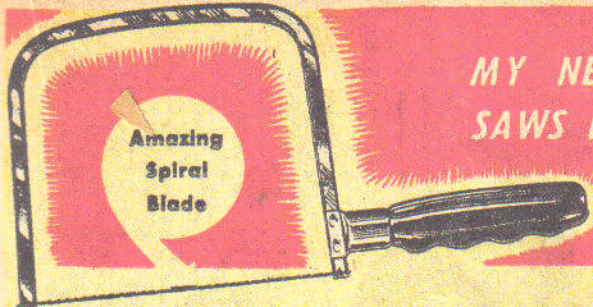
SURE, AND WE CAN GO OUT AND RIDE HER ON /WEEK ENDS!

BRING HER OUT FOR THE FOOT-BALL TEAM, DILLY! PRACTICE STARTS NEXT WEEK!

I'D BETTER NOT! I WOULDN'T WANT HER TO STEAL YOUR JOB!

IT TURNED OUT ALL RIGHT AFTER ALL, AND DILLY DID WIN A SORT OF MORAL VICTORY! WELL, SCHOOL STARTS SOON, AND THAT MEANS FOOT-BALL PRACTICE! DILLY SHOULDN'T HAVE MUCH TROUBLE MAKING THE VARSITY THIS YEAR, AFTER HIS SUCCESS LAST YEAR, BUT WE KNOW GRUESOME'S GOING TO HAVE SOME IDEAS— AND THEY WON'T BE RUN FOR DILLY! **THE END!**

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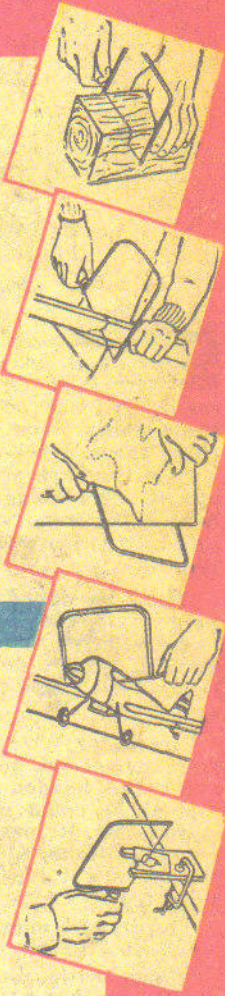
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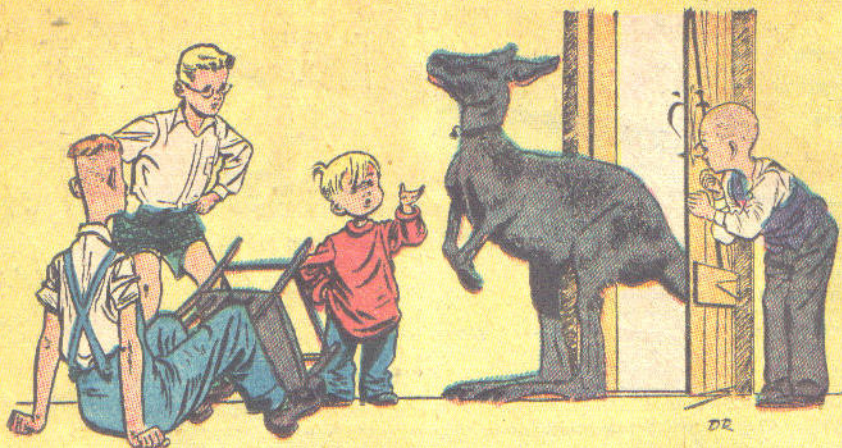
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"The Coming of Courtney"



SLUIGGER stood on tiptoe and peered into the mail box on which was imprinted, "The Wise Guys, Route 7." He couldn't see much inside so he jumped up to scrutinize the contents more carefully. There was something there. A yellow slip of paper was stuffed way in the back of the box, almost completely out of sight. Slugger climbed up on the fence behind the box, stretched around, reached in and finally, triumphantly pulled out the yellow slip.

"Hm," he sighed, as he unfolded the slip of paper and read it curiously. "Hm, a package being held for 'the Wise Guys' at the railroad station. Wasn't delivered because we weren't home. Well, guess I'd better scurry down there and get it."

The other Wise Guys had not come home from school yet, so Slugger retraced his steps alone and headed for the railroad station as fast as he could make it. As he entered the station, Mr. Haines, the station master, greeted him. "Hello, Slugger. I'm glad to see you. We have quite a surprise for you and the Wise Guys."

"Surprise?" queried Slugger. "I thought it was just a package."

"Come with me," mysteriously continued Mr. Haines, "and I'll show you your 'package'."

Slugger followed Mr. Haines into the package room and there in the middle of the floor was a huge crate. Slugger walked by it casually, his eyes peering around for a small package addressed to the Wise Guys.

"Wait, Slugger," exclaimed Mr. Haines, "don't walk by that crate — that is it!"

"What do you mean?" Slugger gulped. "That! For us! What is it?"

"What is it?" continued Mr. Haines. "Look inside."

Slugger hadn't noticed as he passed the crate that it was made with narrow wooden slats and you could peer inside. He immediately walked over to it, put his head between two of the widely separated slats and looked in.

Slugger's muffled voice came from inside

the crate, "But, Mr. Haines, it's dark in here and I can't see anything."

"You will," laughed Mr. Haines.

As Slugger peered into the darkness of the crate, suddenly something warm and wet seemed to cover his face, like a wet sponge being passed across it. Slugger withdrew his head from between the slats with no further ado, mopped his face and turned to Mr. Haines.

"What is in there, Mr. Haines?" he demanded. "Have you seen it?"

"No," quietly answered Mr. Haines. "I haven't seen it. It's too dark to see inside, I just read the label."

"The label! Oh, let me see the label," continued Slugger, feeling rather foolish.

He read the label attached to the crate. "One kangaroo, answers to name of Courtney," was all Slugger could read. He was stupified. A kangaroo! Courtney? Where did this thing come from? He looked at the label again and, of course, Daredevil had sent it to them.

"Well, Mr. Haines," gasped Slugger. "What are we going to do with a kangaroo?"

"I don't know, Slugger," continued Mr. Haines, "but I understand they are very gentle."

"I'm glad of that or I would have lost my nose a minute ago," answered Slugger. "But how am I going to get this animal home? That crate's too big for me to carry."

"Why don't you open the crate?" queried Mr. Haines.

"Don't know why I never thought of that," blushed Slugger.

Mr. Haines presented Slugger with all necessary equipment and they went to work removing the slats from the crate. After they'd removed several of them, Slugger again bravely peered inside and invited Courtney to come out.

Courtney did not hesitate, but leaped from the crate and began leaping all over the station in the pleasure of her release. Mr. Haines and Slugger became concerned and afraid that Courtney would leap away a little too

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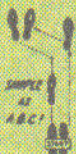
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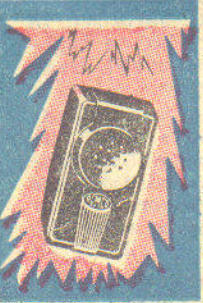
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fast, but fortunately for them the doors of the station were closed and Courtney had to limit her leaping to the confines of the station. Finally she calmed down, leaped over to Slugger's side and settled back on her haunches, looked at him out of large brown eyes as if to say, "Well, Slugger, what next?"

"Okay, Courtney, I guess we'd better go home!" answered Slugger. "Good-by, Mr. Haines, and thanks for taking care of our friend."

"Good-by, Slugger," smiled Mr. Haines. "Say hello to the other Wise Guys."

Slugger grasped the small cord that dangled from Courtney's neck to use as a leash, but found it really unnecessary to guide the kangaroo as she followed willingly at his side. By the time Slugger and Courtney arrived at the barn they were very good friends and Slugger could hardly remember the time when he'd walked along the road without a kangaroo at his side.

As the two returned home, Jock, Curly and Scarecrow were sitting at the table waiting for dinner. Scarecrow was casually leaning back in his chair. Slugger entered first and was warmly greeted by the other Wise Guys.

"Come on in, Courtney, it's all right," invited Slugger.

"Courtney?" Scarecrow queried but the words were scarcely out of his mouth when Courtney leaped in the door. Scarecrow's hair stood on end, his chair strained backward and he landed flat on his back on the floor. Courtney, immediately sympathetic, leaped over to Scarecrow and licked his face with her long red tongue. Scarecrow was dazed, helpless and lay on the floor in complete astonishment.

Slugger explained Courtney's arrival to the Wise Guys and they all listened in dumbfounded amazement. Scarecrow was so amazed he never got up from the floor.

Finally Jock said, "But I didn't know kangaroos were indigenous to Tarkabia. How do you suppose Daredevil got hold of her?"

"What do you mean, indignant?" asked Slugger. "There's nothing indignant about this animal, she'd be happy wherever she is."

Courtney quickly became a member of the family. She was good-natured, required little attention, stayed at the barn while the Wise Guys went to school and seemed perfectly content to leap around the property until they came home. Aside from school they took her wherever they went. She went to market, she went on errands and she also proved herself very useful by carrying packages in her pouch.

One evening as Scarecrow was unloading the groceries Slugger had brought home in Courtney's pouch, he was quite surprised to find that Slugger had bought so many vegetables. He soon dismissed the thought, however.

The next night, when Slugger was unloading the groceries from Courtney's pouch, he couldn't understand why Scarecrow had gone overboard on so many things. Extravagance would get them nowhere. However, Slugger gave little thought to the problem after the Wise Guys and Courtney had consumed all that was bought.

Saturday Slugger decided to go into town

and pick up his watch at the jeweler's. He'd left it there to be repaired and hadn't had a chance to pick it up. Slugger left the barn before the other Wise Guys had awakened. Courtney accompanied him into town. They arrived in town just as the stores were opening and things were beginning to come alive. Courtney leaped and Slugger sauntered into the jeweler's shop.

"Good morning, Mr. Morrisson," greeted Slugger. "Is my watch ready?"

"Oh, yes, Slugger," answered Mr. Morrisson jovially. "It's waiting for you as good as new. So, this is Courtney. Well, I've heard a lot about your kangaroo."

Courtney looked up from other preoccupations and acknowledged Mr. Morrisson's greeting. Then Mr. Morrisson went in search of Slugger's watch. Slugger was preoccupied with all the interesting pieces of jewelry in the case and paid little attention to Courtney. Finally Mr. Morrisson returned with Slugger's watch. Slugger bid fond adieu and left the store with Courtney close at his heels.

Late that night as the Wise Guys were in bed they heard a siren. It would not have disturbed them but seemed to be approaching closer and closer. Slugger was the first to leap out of bed and arrived at the door at the same time two policemen, accompanied by an apologetic Mr. Morrisson arrived.

"You're under arrest, Slugger," announced one policeman.

Slugger batted an eye, gulped and was left speechless.

"A five thousand dollar string of pearls was stolen from Mr. Morrisson this morning while you were in his store," the policeman continued.

"I don't have them," cried Slugger. "I don't know anything about them. I don't understand."

By this time the other Wise Guys and Courtney were all aroused. Slugger looked helpless and confused as the policemen approached him. The other Wise Guys were speechless and dumbfounded. Just as the policemen were ready to escort Slugger out the door, Courtney leaped forward. She looked at Slugger with understanding in her large brown eyes, reached in her pouch and pulled out a long string of pearls.

"Well," gasped one policeman, "this changes the picture, and also answers the riddle of the small robberies at the market."

"It sure does," continued the other policeman. "Slugger, our apologies! We were tracking down losses from the grocer and the jeweler and every clue led to you. We hated to come here." Then he turned to the other policeman with a puzzled expression on his face, "I'm not used to arresting kangaroos, are you, Mac?"

"It's a little unusual," answered Mac, "but, well, er, maybe she can do a stretch at the zoo."

"Pretty quick thinking," answered the policeman with a twinkle in his eye as he handcuffed Courtney.

Courtney acquiesced agreeably and hopped willingly down the path between the two policemen, turning toward the Wise Guys with a tearful farewell in her brown eyes.

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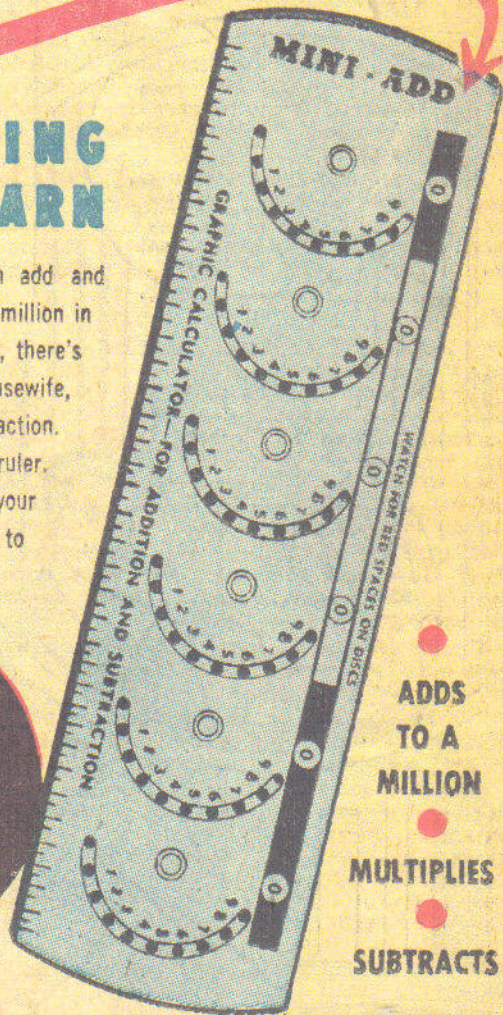
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SURE, CRIME-BUSTER! THAT CRATE OVER THERE MIGHT DO THE TRICK! HELP YOURSELF!

BUT IT'LL NEED A LITTLE MOTORWORK! I'LL HAVE ONE OF OUR MECHANICS GET IT GOING FOR YOU!

THANKS! AND WOULD YOU GET HIM TO WRITE OUT A FAIR ESTIMATE OF WHAT HE THINKS IT SHOULD COST TO PUT IT BACK INTO SHAPE! I'LL NEED THE STATEMENT LATER TO PROVE THE RACKETEERS' CHARGES ARE EXCESSIVE!

HERE IS WHERE WE PULL THE ACT! A CAR CRASHED INTO THIS POLE LAST MONTH! I'LL SPRINKLE A LITTLE BROKEN GLASS AROUND BEFORE I CALL CAPTAIN FROMAN AND TELL HIM TO REPORT THE ACCIDENT ON SHORT WAVE!

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I HAVE \$925 FROM THIS GENT! DO I HEAR \$950? DO I HEAR \$950? NO? WELL THEN...GOING ONCE FOR \$925...TWICE...AND SOLD TO THE YOUNG MAN FOR NINE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIVE!



GOSH, CLEM, IT LOOKS LIKE A MILLION DOLLARS WITH THIS PAINT JOB YOU DID! AND YOU HAVE THE MOTOR PURRING LIKE A KITTEN!

IT WAS A GOOD BUY! IT DIDN'T TAKE TOO MUCH WORK! LET'S TAKE A SPIN IN IT! MAYBE WE CAN EVEN PICK UP A JOB!



I PUT HIGH SPEED CAMS, AND DUAL CARBS IN HER! SHE PACKS A LOT OF POWER! I WISH I COULD PICK UP A TOWING JOB SO WE COULD SEE HOW SHE HANDLES WITH A LOAD! HOW D'YOU SUPPOSE YOU GET BUSINESS?

I'LL SHOW YOU!



HEY, WHAT ARE YOU FIDDLING AROUND WITH UNDER THE DASH?

A RADIO! I INSTALLED IT LAST NIGHT AFTER YOU WENT HOME!



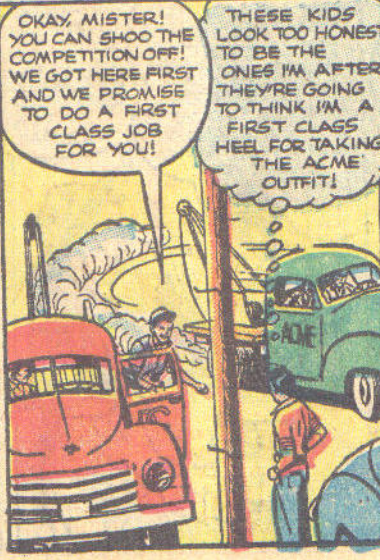
FOR GOSH SAKES, CLEM, THIS IS A TOW TRUCK, NOT A ROADSTER! LET'S STICK TO BUSINESS!

THIS RADIO IS BUSINESS, PASTY! IT'S A SHORT-WAVE SET! WITH IT WE CAN PICK UP POLICE BROADCASTS AND GET FIRST HAND INFO ON EVERY ACCIDENT IN THE VICINITY ALMOST AS SOON AS IT HAPPENS! LET'S SEE WHAT WE GET!



CALLING CAR 63...CAR 63! GO TO TRAFFIC ACCIDENT ON THE NORTH PARKWAY AT THE CORNER OF ELMFORD!

WOW! WHAT ARE WE WAITING FOR? THAT'S ONLY A COUPLE OF MILES FROM HERE!



OKAY, MISTER! YOU CAN SHOO THE COMPETITION OFF! WE GOT HERE FIRST AND WE PROMISE TO DO A FIRST CLASS JOB FOR YOU!

THESE KIDS LOOK TOO HONEST TO BE THE ONES I'M AFTER! THEY'RE GOING TO THINK I'M A FIRST CLASS HEEL FOR TAKING THE ACME OUTFIT!



SORRY, BUT I THINK THE WRECKER OVER THERE GOT HERE FIRST, SO THEY GET MY BUSINESS!

YOU MUST BE BLIND! NO WONDER YOU CRACKED YOUR CAR UP IF THAT'S THE WAY YOU SEE! WE WERE HERE FIRST!

WHAT A DIRTY TRICK TO TURN US DOWN WHEN WE BEAT THOSE OTHER GUYS BY FIFTY FEET!

IT LOOKS LIKE ALL OF A SUDDEN WE HAVE COMPETITION! WE'LL HAVE TO LOOK INTO IT!

LET ME WORRY ABOUT IT LATER!

CAN YOU GIVE ME ANY IDEA OF HOW MUCH IT'S GOING TO COST ME TO FIX UP THE DAMAGE?

IT'S HARD TO SAY OFF-HAND, MISTER! WE'LL HAVE TO CHECK IT ALL OVER FIRST! WHY NOT COME BACK TOMORROW! I SHOULD HAVE AN IDEA BY THEN! I CAN TELL YOU THIS MUCH, THOUGH! IT LOOKS BAD!

...ACCIDENT AT THE CORNER OF WAVERLY AND GREEN...

THAT'S JUST AROUND THE CORNER! THIS JOB ISN'T GOING TO GET AWAY! WE'LL GET THERE FIRST, OR I'LL KNOW WHY!

YOU GO AHEAD AND TAKE IT TO YOUR GARAGE! I'LL BE ALONG LATER, AFTER I FILL OUT AN ACCIDENT FORM FOR MY INSURANCE COMPANY!

YESSIR! HERE'S OUR CARD SO YOU'LL HAVE OUR ADDRESS!

AT LAST WE'RE IN THE TOWING BUSINESS! GOING AFTER WORK LIKE THIS IS TWICE AS GOOD AS WAITING AT THE SHOP FOR A JOB TO COME IN!

WATCH IT, CLEM! IT'S THOSE GUYS FROM ACME!

HEY! WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA?

SCREECH!

I THINK THESE GUYS ARE LOOKING FOR TROUBLE!

WE DON'T ALLOW OUTSIDERS TO CHISEL IN ON OUR TERRITORY, SEE? EITHER YOU UNHITCH THAT WRECK YOU PICKED UP AND TURN IT OVER TO US, OR...

WATCH IT, PASTEY!

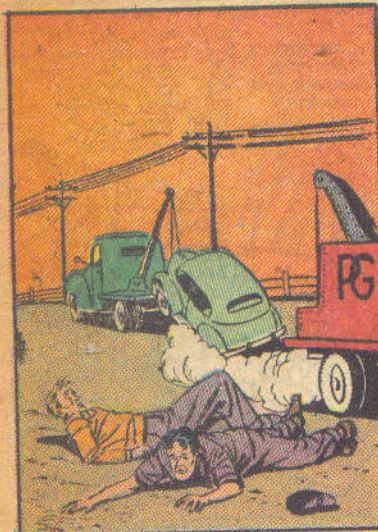
COME OUT OF THERE! YOU NEED TO LEARN WHO'S BOSS AROUND HERE!

WHAT DID WE DO?

MY ARM! YOU'RE BREAKING IT!

SO WHAT? IF THAT'S ALL I DO, I'M LETTING YOU OFF EASY!

UGH!!



HE NEARLY BROKE MY ARM, THE DIRTY RAT! HOW DO YOU FEEL, PASTEY? CAN YOU SEE OUT OF THAT RIGHT EYE?

YEAH... JUST ABOUT! I FEEL LIKE I FELL TEN STORIES! WHY DID THEY DO IT, CLEM?



NOW LET'S GET DOWN TO CASES! HOW MUCH IS THIS WORK GOING TO COST ME?

WELL, THE TOWING CHARGE IS FIFTY DOLLARS! I'M STILL NOT SURE ABOUT THE REPAIR WORK! I COULD GIVE YOU AN ESTIMATE ON THE BODY WORK, BUT THAT'S SMALL STUFF! YOUR MAIN COST WILL BE FIXING UP THE ENGINE!



DO YOU THINK IT WOULD RUN ANY HIGHER THAN A HUNDRED DOLLARS OR SO? I DON'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT CARS, BUT...

BUD, REPAIR WORK IS MY BUSINESS AND LET ME TELL YOU RIGHT NOW, THERE'S OVER THAT IN BODY WORK ALONE! WHY NOT JUST LET ME GO AHEAD ON IT, AND I'LL ITEMIZE THE WORK AS WE CHECK IT OFF!



I CAN TELL ALREADY THAT THEY'RE THE BUNCH OF PIRATES WE'RE AFTER, SQUEEKS! FIFTY BUCKS FOR TOWING ME HALF A MILE! THEY'RE GOING TO TAKE ME FOR PLENTY! WE'LL HAVE A GOOD CASE AGAINST THEM AND THEN... WHAM!!



WE HAVE SOME TIME TO KILL! I THINK I'LL RUN OVER AND SEE THOSE FELLOWS FROM THE CANDY TOWING COMPANY! I'D LIKE TO EXPLAIN WHY I TURNED THEM DOWN!



I'VE ONLY BEEN MAD A COUPLE OF TIMES IN MY LIFE AND THIS IS ONE OF 'EM! WHEN I THINK HOW THOSE GUYS BEAT US UP AND HI-JACKED THAT CAR! WE'RE NOT GOING TO LET 'EM GET AWAY WITH IT, ARE WE?

PASTEY, CALM DOWN! I'VE NEVER SEEN YOU IN A MOOD LIKE THIS BEFORE! LET'S GO TO THE POLICE AND REPORT. WHAT HAPPENED!



IS THAT A GUN? HEY—LET ME SEE THAT!

YOU GO TO THE POLICE IF YOU WANT TO, BUT THIS IS MY WAY!



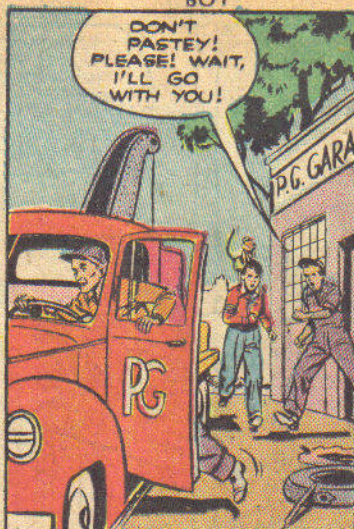
IT IS A GUN! YOUR OLD ARMY PISTOL! PASTEY, WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING TO DO?

IT'S FOR SELF-DEFENSE! I'M GOING TO SQUARE UP WITH THOSE CHARACTERS IF THEY TRY TO ROUGH ME UP AGAIN!



PASTEY, YOU'RE CRAZY! THAT'S NO WAY TO SETTLE THIS!

I DON'T SEE IT THAT WAY! THERE ARE SOME THINGS A GUY HAS TO SETTLE FOR HIMSELF!



DON'T PASTEY! PLEASE! WAIT, I'LL GO WITH YOU!



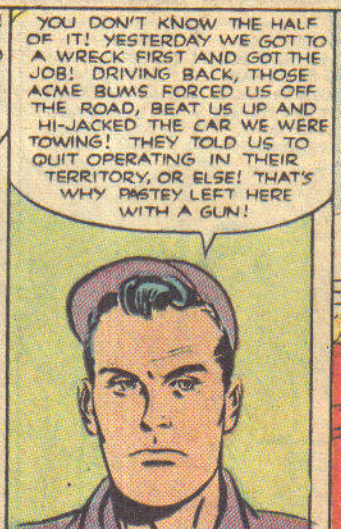
WHAT'S THE MATTER? WHY DIDN'T YOU WANT HIM TO GO?

NORMALLY PASTEY IS THE GENTLEST GUY ALIVE, BUT HE'S ALL RILED UP OVER A DIRTY DEAL AND HE'S JUST MAD ENOUGH TO TRY AND HANDLE IT ON HIS OWN INSTEAD OF GOING TO THE POLICE!

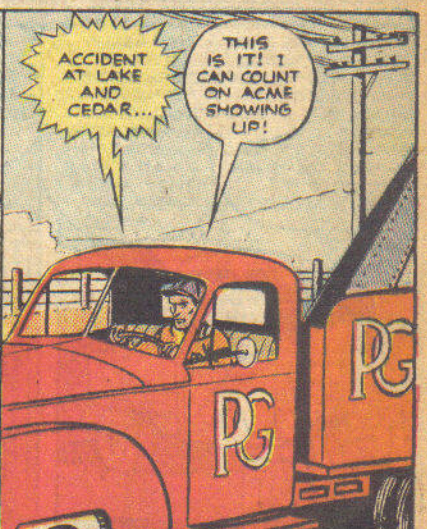


BUT WHY SHOULD I BOTHER TELLING YOU! YOU'RE THE GUY WHO'S EITHER BLIND OR JUST PLAIN MEAN!

I HAD A GOOD REASON! I'M INVESTIGATING A TOWING RACKET AND THEY LOOKED LIKE THE MEN I WAS AFTER! I HAD A STRONG HUNCH THAT YOU WERE OKAY!

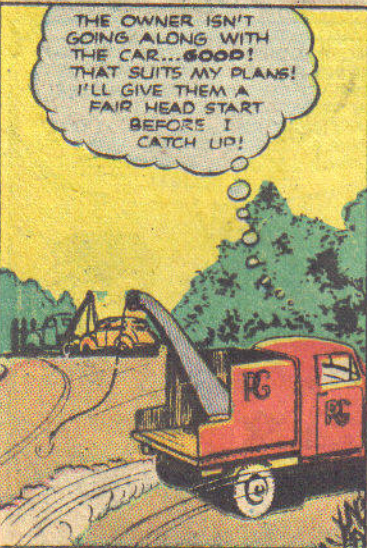


YOU DON'T KNOW THE HALF OF IT! YESTERDAY WE GOT TO A WRECK FIRST AND GOT THE JOB! DRIVING BACK, THOSE ACME BUMS FORCED US OFF THE ROAD, BEAT US UP AND HI-JACKED THE CAR WE WERE TOWING! THEY TOLD US TO QUIT OPERATING IN THEIR TERRITORY, OR ELSE! THAT'S WHY PASTEY LEFT HERE WITH A GUN!

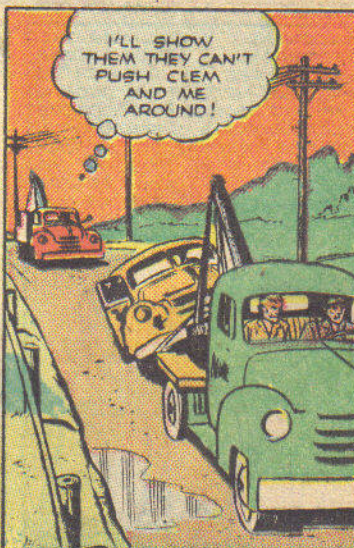


ACCIDENT AT LAKE AND CEDAR...

THIS IS IT! I CAN COUNT ON ACME SHOWING UP!



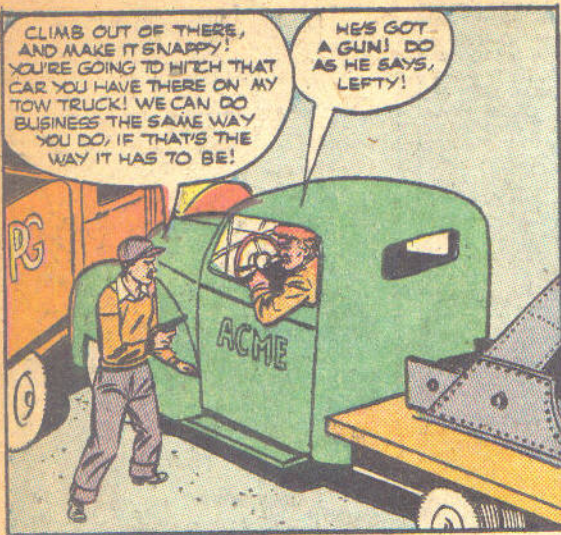
THE OWNER ISN'T GOING ALONG WITH THE CAR...GOOD! THAT SUITS MY PLANS! I'LL GIVE THEM A FAIR HEAD START BEFORE I CATCH UP!



I'LL SHOW THEM THEY CAN'T PUSH CLEM AND ME AROUND!

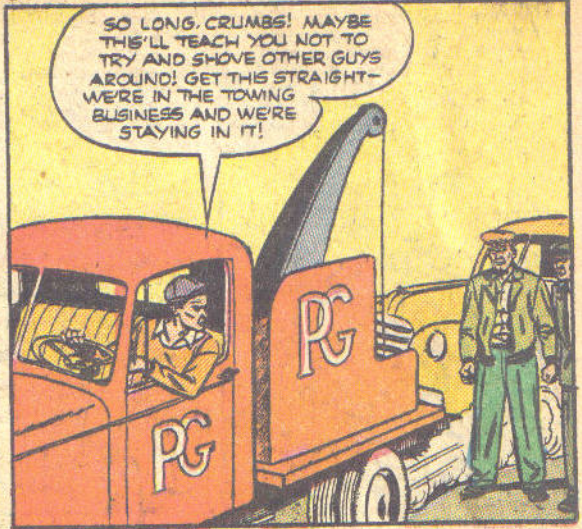


HEY, YA STUPID DOPE! GET OUT OF THE WAY! HEY - LOOK WHO IT IS!



CLIMB OUT OF THERE, AND MAKE IT SNAPPY! YOU'RE GOING TO HITCH THAT CAR YOU HAVE THERE ON MY TOW TRUCK! WE CAN DO BUSINESS THE SAME WAY YOU DO, IF THAT'S THE WAY IT HAS TO BE!

HE'S GOT A GUN! DO AS HE SAYS, LEFTY!



SO LONG, CRUMBS! MAYBE THIS'LL TEACH YOU NOT TO TRY AND SHOVE OTHER GUYS AROUND! GET THIS STRAIGHT—WE'RE IN THE TOWING BUSINESS AND WE'RE STAYING IN IT!



PASTEY! I'VE BEEN CRAZY WITH WORRY EVER SINCE YOU LEFT! THANK GLORY YOU STUCK TO BUSINESS INSTEAD OF TANGLING WITH THOSE ROTTERS! THEY'RE TOO TOUGH FOR YOU TO TACKLE ALONE!

THEY AREN'T SO TOUGH! I LET THEM GET THIS WRECK AND THEN I TOOK IT AWAY FROM THEM! WHEN THEY SAW I HAD A GUN, THEY WERE MEEK AS LAMBS!



HAND OVER THAT GUN! YOU'D BE IN A FINE MESS IF YOU'D GOTTEN MIXED UP IN A SHOOTING!

I KNOW BETTER THAN THAT! I JUST BLUFFED THEM! THE GUN WASN'T LOADED! HERE! SEE FOR YOURSELF!



YOU MEAN YOU STUCK UP THOSE CROOKS WITH AN EMPTY GUN! WHAT IF THEY'D CALLED YOUR BLUFF? PASTEY OF ALL THE CRAZY THINGS TO DO!

YOU RAN A BIG RISK, PASTEY! HERE, GLEM, YOU TAKE CARE OF THIS GUN! I HAVE TO RUN ALONG NOW! IF YOU HAVE ANY MORE TROUBLE DON'T HANDLE IT YOURSELF! CALL THE POLICE!



LJ-9855... I'LL HAVE TO CHECK WITH THE LICENSE BUREAU SO THAT I CAN NOTIFY THE OWNER OF THIS CAR THAT WE HAVE IT INSTEAD OF ACME! MAYBE WE CAN PERSUADE HIM TO LET US HAVE THAT JOB!

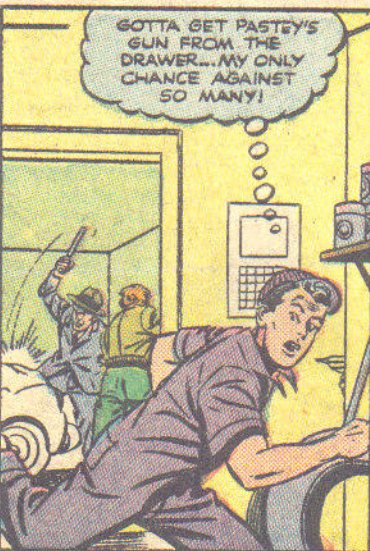
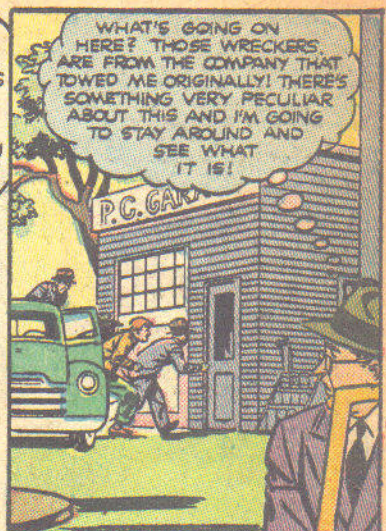


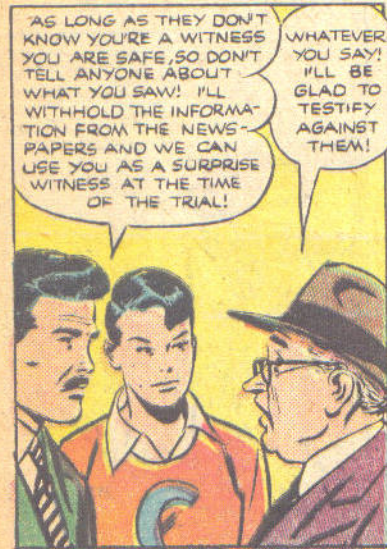
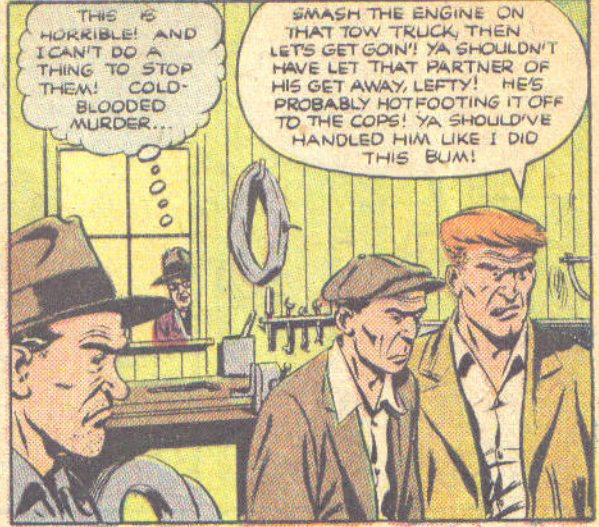
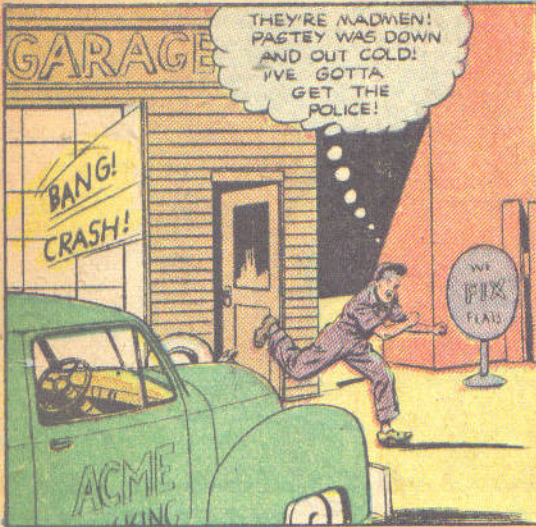
AS SOON AS I GOT YOUR CALL ABOUT THE CAR BEING HERE I DECIDED TO COME RIGHT OVER AND FIND OUT JUST WHAT IS GOING ON!

WELL... ERR... THEIR WRECKER BROKE DOWN ON THE WAY BACK, SO WE TOOK OVER! IF YOU LET US DO THE WORK FOR YOU YOU WON'T BE SORRY! BEFORE YOU DECIDE, LOOK OVER OUR ESTIMATE!



HMM... TOWING \$10... REPAIRS... ALL ITEMIZED... INCLUDING STRAIGHTENING FENDER AND REPAINTING... \$75... THAT'S VERY REASONABLE! A FRIEND OF MINE HAD AN ACCIDENT RECENTLY AND IT COST HIM \$150 FOR TOWING AND OVER \$300 FOR REPAIRS! THE JOB IS YOURS!





HOW DO WE STAND ABOUT MY CAR? HAVE YOU MADE OUT THE FINAL BILL?

YEP! THE JOB IS ALL FINISHED! THE BILL MAY SEEM HIGH, BUT THERE WAS A WHOLE OF A LOT OF WORK ON THE ENGINE! FIFTY FOR TOWING AND FIVE HUNDRED FOR REPAIRS!

THAT SEEMS TERRIBLY HIGH, BUT I NEED THE CAR, SO I CAN'T AFFORD TO ARGUE! WILL YOU GIVE ME A RECEIPTED BILL?

SURE! THE PAINT ON YOUR CAR WILL BE DRY THIS AFTERNOON SO YOU CAN HAVE IT BY FIVE!

LOOK AT THAT BILL THEN COMPARE IT WITH THE CERTIFIED ESTIMATE FROM THE MECHANIC AT THE POLICE GARAGE! FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS OVER THEIR ESTIMATE! NOW THAT I'VE GOT THIS, I'LL SWEAR OUT A WARRANT FOR THEIR ARREST, AND YOU CAN SEND SOME OF YOUR MEN OVER TO PICK THEM UP!

WE'LL BOOK THEM ON SUSPICION OF MURDER, TOO! I'M AVOIDING THE SPECIFIC CHARGE OF MURDER PURPOSELY TO MAKE THEM THINK WE HAVEN'T TOO GOOD A CASE AGAINST THEM! LET THEM THINK CLEM'S THE ONLY WITNESS AND IS TOO SCARED TO TALK! IT WILL THROW THEM OFF GUARD!

WHAT'S GOING ON HERE? YOU HAVE NOTHING TO HOLD US FOR!

YOU'RE WRONG! I HAVE A WARRANT HERE, SIGNED BY CRIMEBUSTER, CHARGING YOU WITH FRAUDULENT BUSINESS PRACTICES, OVERCHARGING HIM FOR WORK, FALSELY CLAIMING TO DO CERTAIN REPAIR WORK WHICH YOU DID NOT DO... AND ALSO ANOTHER WARRANT CHARGING YOU WITH SUSPICION OF MURDER! NOW GET INTO THAT PATROL WAGON!

THIS IS A FRAME-UP! I DEMAND TO SEE A LAWYER! THAT MURDER CHARGE IS A LOT OF BALONEY! YOU HAVE NO WITNESS TO PROVE IT! AS FOR THAT TRUMPED UP CHARGE BY CRIMEBUSTER, WHY DIDN'T HE SQUAWK TO ME BEFORE RUNNING TO THE POLICE?

LUNT, YOU'RE A SMART LAWYER! GET US OUT OF HERE!

ABSOLUTELY, MR. BLAZE! I'LL HAVE YOU OUT ON A WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS. BEFORE THE DAY IS OVER!

I TOLD YOU I'D GET YOU OUT AND I DID, BUT LET ME GIVE YOU A WORD OF ADVICE! IF YOU WANT ME TO HANDLE YOUR CASE, YOUR BEST BET IS TO THROW YOURSELF AT THE MERCY OF THE COURT ON THAT MURDER CHARGE!

YOU'RE CRAZY, MAN! WHY??

CLEM'S THE ONLY WITNESS AND HE'S TOO YELLOW TO OPEN HIS MOUTH! THAT'S PROBABLY THE REASON THEY DIDN'T BOOK US ON A STRAIGHT MURDER CHARGE! THEY KNOW THEY HAVEN'T A GOOD CASE AGAINST US!

I'M AFRAID YOU'RE WRONG! I HEARD THAT THE PROSECUTION HAS A SECRET WITNESS THEY PLAN TO INTRODUCE AT THE TRIAL!



WE ARE HANDICAPPED BY THE SUDDEN DISAPPEARANCE OF A SECRET WITNESS, BUT WE SHALL PROCEED WITH THE TRIAL AND HOPE THAT HE CAN MAKE HIS APPEARANCE ON THE STAND LATER IN THE TRIAL!

THANKS, COLLINS! YOUR HONOR, THIS IS IRREGULAR BUT I MUST SPEAK TO YOU IN REGARD TO A MESSAGE I HAVE JUST RECEIVED!

GEORGE BROCK, THE CHIEF WITNESS FOR THE STATE HAS JUST BEEN FOUND BRUTALLY MURDERED!

IN THAT EVENT THE CASE WILL HAVE TO BE DISMISSED UNLESS THE PROSECUTION CAN PRODUCE MORE EVIDENCE!

OKAY, CLEM, IT'S UP TO YOU! BE CALM ON THE STAND AND TALK SLOWLY! WE PLANNED TO USE BROCK FIRST BECAUSE HE WAS A COMPLETELY INNOCENT SPECTATOR TO THE MURDER! NOW YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN DO IT!

I CHANGED MY MIND! I'M NOT GOING TO TESTIFY!

WHAT? BUT WHY? PASTEY WAS YOUR BEST FRIEND! YOU CAN'T LET HIS MURDERERS GET AWAY SCOT FREE!

YOU HAD THE PAPERS PRINT A STORY SAYING I WAS AFRAID TO TESTIFY! YOU DID IT SO THE GANG WOULD LAY OFF ME, BUT YOU NEVER THOUGHT IT WAS TRUE, DID YOU? WELL, IT IS!

I DON'T BELIEVE YOU, CLEM—NOT IN A MILLION YEARS!

LOOK AT THOSE RATS OVER THERE, GLOATING OVER THE MOVE FOR DISMISSAL... SMIRKING BECAUSE THEY FIGURE THEY ARE GOING TO GET AWAY WITH MURDER... PASTEY'S MURDER AND BROCK'S MURDER...

YOUR HONOR, I ASK FOR A WEEK'S POSTPONE-MENT!

THERE ARE SOME THINGS A GUY HAS TO SETTLE FOR HIMSELF!

YOU'RE RIGHT, PASTEY! THIS IS SOMETHING I HAVE TO SETTLE FOR MYSELF! YOU'D WANT IT THAT WAY!

ALL RIGHT, GRANTED! THIS TRIAL IS POSTPONED TO A WEEK FROM TODAY!

CLEM'S PUTTING ON AN ACT! LET HIM THINK HE FOOLED ME, BUT I'LL KEEP A CLOSE WATCH ON HIM! HE'S GOT SOME PLAN OF HIS OWN!



THOSE GUYS WILL PAY FOR KILLING PASTEY! THEY'LL WISH THEY COULD STAND TRIAL!



THIS TIME THE GUN IS LOADED! THEY'RE HAVING A BIG PARTY TONIGHT TO CELEBRATE HOW SMART THEY WERE TO HAVE KILLED MR. BROCK SO THE TRIAL WOULD BE DELAYED! IT'S MY CHANCE TO WIPE OUT THE WHOLE RAT NEST AT ONCE!



IT'S EASY TO GET AROUND THE LAW IF YOU'RE SMART LIKE ME! WE'LL NEVER STAND TRIAL, SO CELEBRATE! THIS IS THE JUMPING OFF PLACE TO BIGGER THINGS!



LISTEN TO THEM! BUT THEY'LL SING A DIFFERENT TUNE WHEN I GET STARTED! AFTER I PLANT THIS IN THE VESTIBULE I'LL GO AROUND BACK AND LOCK THAT DOOR SO THEY CAN'T SNEAK OUT!



THEY'LL SQUEAK LIKE CORNERED RATS WHEN THEY FIND IM GOING TO BLOW THEM ALL SKY HIGH! NOW I'LL GO AROUND TO THE FRONT AND CRASH THE PARTY!



SHUT UP ALL OF YOU! SHUT UP AND LISTEN—WHILE YOU STILL CAN! AND KEEP YOUR GUNS WHERE I CAN SEE THEM! THIS GUN IS LOADED!

LOOK! IT'S THAT PLUNK YOU SAID WAS YELLOW, RED! DON'T KILL HIM, YOU SAID, HE'S CHICKEN!!



YOU'VE ALL BEEN CELEBRATING HOW SMART YOU ARE... BOASTING HOW YOU MURDER ANYONE WHO GETS IN YOUR WAY! LET'S SEE HOW REALLY BRAVE YOU ARE WHEN IT COMES TO A SHOWDOWN! NOW YOU'RE GOING TO PAY FOR MURDERING PASTEY AND MR. BROCK!



IN TWO MINUTES THIS PLACE IS GOING TO BLOW SKY HIGH! THE FUSE IS LIT AND THE BACK DOOR IS LOCKED, SO YOU CAN'T ESCAPE! HOW DO YOU LIKE IT, KNOWING THAT YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO DIE?

YOU'RE CRAZY! YOU CAN'T DO IT! LET US OUT!



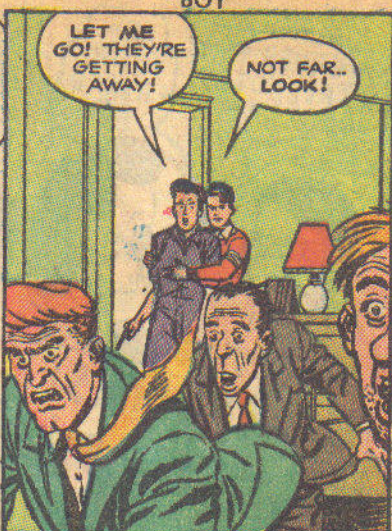
ANOTHER STEP AND I SHOOT!

HE'S BLUFFING! DON'T LISTEN, HOKEY—RUSH HIM!



CLEM!
NO!

GET OUT
OF HERE,
CRIME-
BUSTER! THE
PLACE IS
GOING TO
BLOW UP!



LET ME
GO! THEY'RE
GETTING
AWAY!

NOT FAR...
LOOK!



RIGHT
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BOYS!



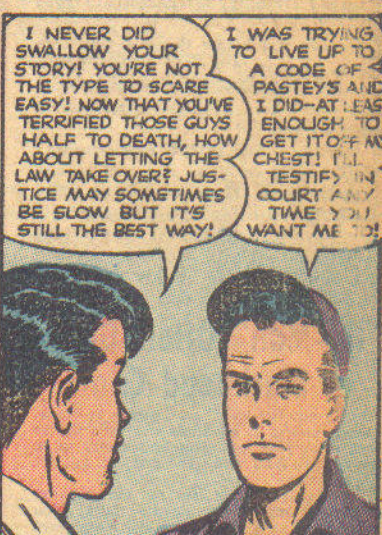
COPS!
AND A
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WAGON!

WHO CARES?
I'D RATHER BE
ARRESTED
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UP! HURRY!



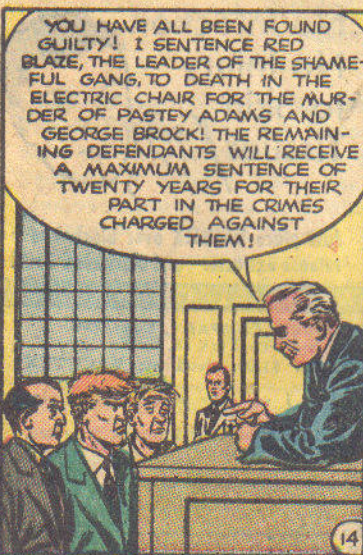
THE GAS-
IT WILL
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NO, IT WON'T!
I DISCONNECTED
THE FLUSE...
SEE?



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STORY! YOU'RE NOT
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I WAS TRYING
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I DID-AT LEAST
ENOUGH TO
GET IT OFF MY
CHEST! I'LL
TESTIFY IN
COURT ANY
TIME YOU
WANT ME TO!



YOU HAVE ALL BEEN FOUND GUILTY! I SENTENCE RED BLAZE, THE LEADER OF THE SHAMEFUL GANG, TO DEATH IN THE ELECTRIC CHAIR FOR THE MURDER OF PASTEY ADAMS AND GEORGE BROCK! THE REMAINING DEFENDANTS WILL RECEIVE A MAXIMUM SENTENCE OF TWENTY YEARS FOR THEIR PART IN THE CRIMES CHARGED AGAINST THEM!



CRIMEBUSTER, YOU'VE DONE THE COMMUNITY A GREAT SERVICE! NOW LEGITIMATE GARAGEMEN ARE BACK IN THE TOWING BUSINESS AND THEY'VE ESTABLISHED A FAIR PRACTICE CODE WITH DEFINITE RATES FOR TOWING AND REPAIR WORK! TOWING CHARGES RANGE FROM FIVE TO TWENTY DOLLARS, DEPENDING ON THE MILEAGE INVOLVED! YOU DESERVE A GREAT DEAL OF CREDIT FOR YOUR WORK!



JUST ONE
THING MORE,
C.B.-WHAT
ABOUT CLEM?
HOW IS HE
MAKING
OUT?

DIDN'T YOU HEAR?
THE NEW ASSO-
CIATION OF
GARAGE OWNERS
ELECTED HIM
PRESIDENT! HE
WAS THE ONE WHO
HELPED WORK OUT
THAT NEW CODE
IN THE TOWING
BUSINESS!

The END

BLACKHEADS "PET HATE"

Say Men, Girls in Choosing Date

What a "black mark" is the blackhead... according to men and girls popular enough to be choosy about dates!

"Nobody's dreamboat!" "Nobody's date bait!" And that's not all that's said of those who are careless about blackheads. But blackheads ARE ugly! Blackheads ARE grimy! And they DON'T look good in close-ups!

So can you blame the fellow who says, "Sure, I meet lots of girls who look cute at first glance. But if, on that second glance, I see dingy blackheads, it's good night!"

Or can you blame the girl who confesses, "I hate to go out with a fellow who has blackheads. If he's careless about that you're sure he'll embarrass you in other ways, too!"

But you — are YOUR ears burning? Well, you've company and, sad to say, good company. There are lots of otherwise attractive fellows and girls who could date anyone they like if they'd only realize how offensive blackheads are... and how easily and quickly they could get rid of them... if they want to!

"He-Man" Often Guilty of Blackhead Crime

Take your "he-man"... super at track, games, sports of all kinds... who thinks that after just a shower he's ready to go anywhere! And won't the girls all admire his muscles!

Sure they would! But not many dance floors are set up for hurdle races! You can't show off your snappy left hook when only cokes are in the ring. The "he-man" who's also clean-cut, will get the breaks wherever he is.

Even Cute Girls

Become Careless

Easy, too easy, for a girl to think that if she has the latest in clothes and hair-do she needn't bother about blackheads. A little more make-up, she guesses, will take care of that BUT MAKE-UP WON'T HIDE BLACKHEADS! Not unless it's plaster of paris, maybe! And even good make-up "alips" at a dance! So don't take chances, cute though you may be!

TAKE THESE TIPS TO BANISH BLACKHEADS

Keep skin clean by washing morning and night with warm, almost hot, water. Use good soap and plenty of it. And finish with cool water.

Extract every blackhead as soon as you see it — with a SAFE extractor. Don't use finger nails. Don't squeeze. That may mean infection, injured tissues, a marred skin.

Just be clean! Be quick! And be safe! That's easy! And that's ALL!



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Dear Reader :

In every issue of **BOY COMICS** this page is devoted to your opinions, ideas and suggestions. We have the pens and the talent, but you must supply the guidance. It will appear as you like it, but we must first know what's on your mind.

May I take this chance to say how I enjoy your good work in making Boy comics what they are. Even my mother, who is not usually interested in comics, reads Boy every time it comes out.

Nicholas De Lipski
171 East 60 St.
New York 22, N. Y.

I would like to thank you for the wonderful June issue and all the others. Boy is my favorite comic. Will you please put some more Hot Rod stories out, like "Genius Will Out?"

Bob Bradley
606 Chestnut
Kansas City, Mo.

I stopped reading Boy Comics for a while, but started reading them again three issues ago. I am fifteen, and Crimebuster is the kind of fellow I'd like to be. The stories are more interesting than in other comics.

Richard B. Harlan
Box 643
Glasgow, Ky.

I always read your stories about Crimebuster and it is my opinion that Squeeks has a great deal to do with the success of your stories. Squeeks is always good for a laugh, and always ready to help C. B. out of tough jams. If I were C. B., I'd always like to have a monkey like Squeeks around.

Robert Wall
1523 Elm St.
San Carlos, Calif.

After school, when I finish my work, I look for something to do. My girl friend has lots of comics and she lets me borrow them. I like exciting comics like Boy. I read them over and over, and they're still as exciting. I recommend Boy Comics to all.

Esther Parrilla
410 N. Angelino
Azura, Calif.

I have just read your June issue of Boy and every time I read it I enjoy it all the more. I especially like the story entitled "Genius Will Out." All my friends and myself enjoy racing stories. After reading your story a friend of mine and myself are planning to build a racer. I am also interested in flying. I would appreciate it very much if you would write more stories on flying and racing.

Richard Pero
11 Fremont St.
Taunton, Mass.

I am an ardent reader of Daredevil and Boy comics. I think they are the best comics available and I am collecting them, but just started in February.

Jim Biggar
809 8th St.
Corning, Iowa

I think issue No. 66 is the best comic book I've ever read. Don't change it at all, because Crimebuster and Dilly Duncan are tops. I enjoy the Wiseguys — Pee Wee and Scarecrow best of the four.

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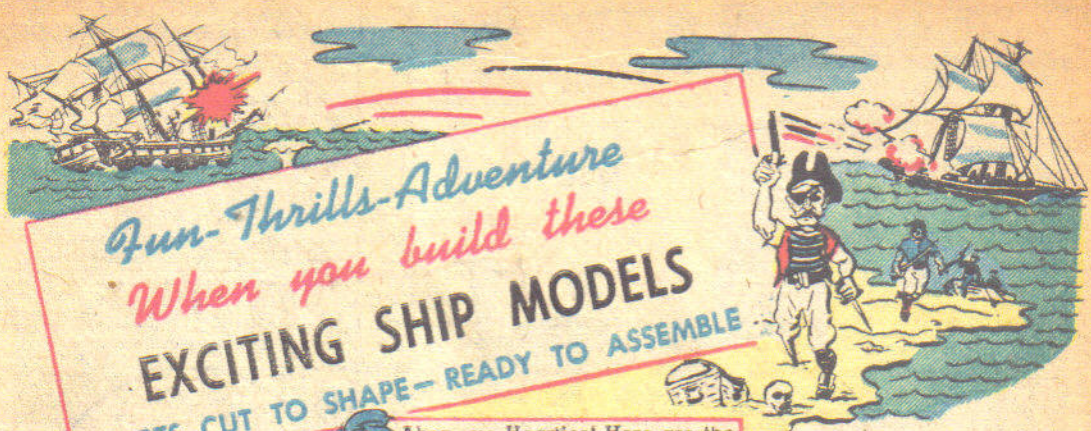
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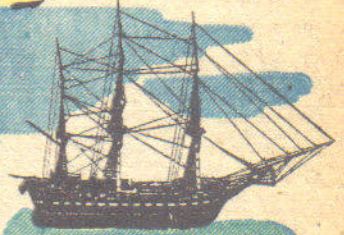
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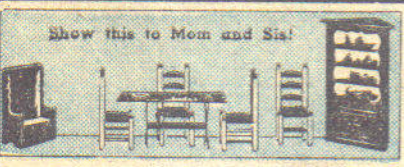


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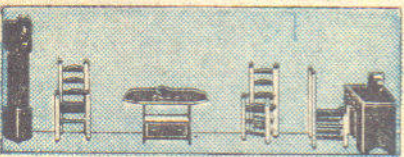
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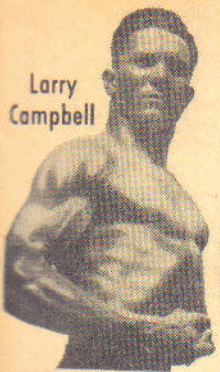
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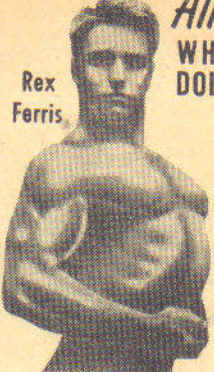
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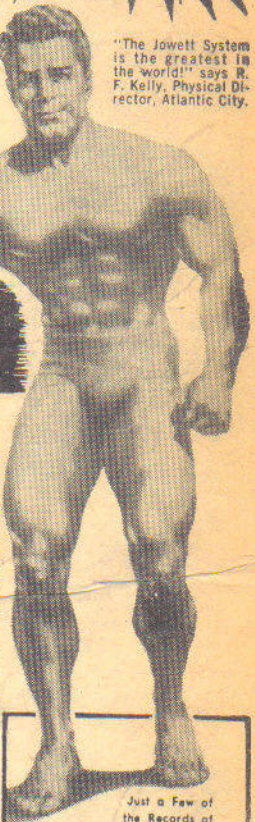
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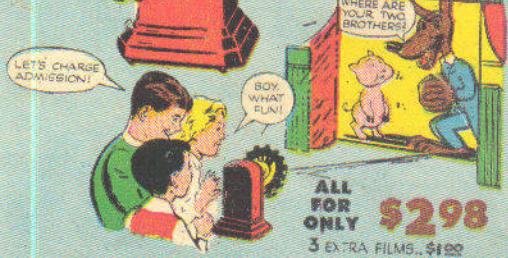
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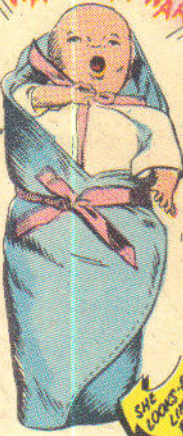


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